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CHARLES BANKS IS GIVEN CORDIAL HEARING

THE GREAT STORY OF MOUND BAYOU

Thrills Masses and Classes—An Eye-Opener of Negro Progress and Capacity for Self-Government—"Black Cabinet" Shows.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

Washington, D. C., February 2.—Last Friday night was a gala occasion for Charles Banks, Mississippi's favorite son, for the citizens of the nation's capital and for the Washington Commercial Council. Mr. Banks came on here at the invitation of the Commercial Council, and in the presence of the most representative audience that has gathered in this city in many a day, told in simple but vivid, forcible language, the "Story of Mound Bayou," describing the founding, the resources, progress and government of the most striking example of the capacity of the Negro people for self-helpfulness and self-control that the western hemisphere affords. Without attempt at oratory or rhetorical frills, Mr. Banks went directly to the "meat" of his great theme, and for an hour held his hearers spell-bound by the modesty recited tale of how the sturdy pioneers of Negro enterprise worked by the side of Isaiah T. Montgomery and builded an enduring city. The audience was a sympathetic one, and from the outset the speaker was greeted by hearty evidences of approval, and every salient point met with enthusiastic responses.

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Mr. Banks described Mound Bayou as about 7,000 or 8,000 inhabitants, the population being made up exclusively of Negroes. It was founded in 1887 by Isaiah T. Montgomery, styled by many as "The Pathfinder," and the district in which Mound Bayou is located covers an area sixteen miles long and six miles wide, embracing over 30,000 acres, all owned by Negroes. No white man has been able, in the history of the colony, to acquire an acre of this land, and not a dollar of white capital is invested in the business enterprises of the place. The one structure in which a white man's money figures is the Carnegie Library, toward the erection of which Andrew Carnegie gave $4,000. With this amount the citizens put up a $7,000 building, the difference being made up in labor and materials contributed by the people themselves. Mr. Carnegie is said to be immensely pleased with the handsome results brought out, and there is a rumor that he intends to increase his benefaction to permit of the erection of a substantial addition to this library, which he says is the best yet put up anywhere for the money given.

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The bank of Mound Bayou came in for a large share of attention at the hands of Mr. Banks, who is its cashier and chief promoter. This institution started with a capitalization of $10,000, which has recently been increased to $25,000. It has deposits upward of $50,000, and on a single day—a fact vouched for by a disinterested visitor—the bank has handled $22,000 worth of business. It is able to fianance, without difficulty, the cotton, lumber and various industries of the community, and in a financial slump, a few years ago, continued the payment of specie when some of the strongest white banks in the state could not do so. Its standing is A No. 1 in Dun's and Bradstreet's. It has never been embarrassed. It is not a "saving bank," but a regular commercial institution, clearing with the best banks of New York and the East. The institution is housed in a two-story brick, and is fitted up with all the modern banking facilities.

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In the town, continued Mr. Banks, "there are fifty shops and stores, all owned and operated by colored men and women. The business amounts to about $600,000 a year, and represents a gross capital of over $200,000. The freight agent is a colored man, and the freight bills handled last year by him was $40,000; the express bills were $3,000. The ticket agent is a colored man, and he is a fixture there, for the colored people will not buy tickets of an agent of any other race. When a white man was tried in the place some time ago the colored people refused to purchase tickets at the depot, paying their fare in cash on the train, and reduced the business of the town to zero; the conductor, evidently failing to report sales, caused the railroad company such large losses that the Negro was put back at the depot—and there he will stay. The four schools that give satisfactory service are carried on by private means, and are superior in every way to the public school paid for out of the state funds. The four churches are prospering. There is a pail in the town, but it has no inmates, and the marshal is compelled to make cotton for a living. A premium is placed on thrift and industry, and there is not a loafer or idler in the community—men who won't work can not stay there. The order is highly praised, and there is less crime in and around Mound Bayou than in any similar area in the entire state—a triumph in the art of self-government—a mute but eloquent refutation of the charge that left to himself and freed from the restraints imposed by the whites, the Negro would relapse into barbarism and destroy one another.

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The biggest single industry in Mound Bayou, Mr. Banks declared with no small degree of pride, is the new cotton-seed oil mill. It bid, fair to become one of the largest of its kind in the South, and will furnish employment to hundreds of energetic colored young men and women of the neighborhood, where the best cotton carried to the great Memphis market is made. So far the company has spent $30,000 in the construction of buildings. It has two buildings already completed, one 400 feet long and the other 220 feet long. It is expected that active business will begin in September or October of this year. The bulk of the stock is held in Mound Bayou, although it can be bought by Negroes all over the country, if they wish to invest, and a goodly return on the money is guaranteed. This enterprise started with a pencil and a five-cent tablet as its capital.

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Mr. Banks said little of himself, but it developed from his remarks that his income last year from his investments amounted to not less than $15,000. He lives in a house which cost $12,000 to build, and its a bungalow style of architecture, with all modern improvements make it the talk of the country around. He owns 1,000 acres of farm land, and about 250 city lots, which he offers for sale from $250 to $300 each. He pays a cotton manager $5.00 per day, Sundays included, and keeps him busy on full time from September to February. Experts say Mr. Banks' cotton is the best that comes to the Memphis market, the largest interior cotton market in the world. Mr. Banks, born in a cabin thirty-seven years ago—now used as a henhouse, has made marvelous strides. He is a man who "does things," and thus wins his way. He has discovered in honesty, singleness of purpose and constructive industry the secret of power and promotion. Mr. Banks has justified the assertion of President Roosevelt, that "he is a true prophet of his race." At the close of his admirable address, Mr. Banks received an ovation, the applause being long and enthusiastic.

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The meeting was held in Lincoln Temple and was presided over by Mr. John A. Lankford, president of the Washington Commercial Council. Mr. Banks was happily introduced by Mr. Thomas J. Calloway, who has been to Mound Bayou, and is now engaged in building a town for Negro home-seekers at Lincoln, Md., not far from the District line. Five minute talks were made by several visitors who were in the city enroute homeward from New York, where they had been attending the mid-winter meeting of the National Negro Business League. Among them were M. M. Lewey, editor of the Florida Sentinel; E. P. Booze, editor of the Western Enterprise, Colorado Springs, Col.; W. T. Andrews, editor of the Defender, Sumter, S. C.; J. B. Bell, a merchant of Houston, Texas. R. W. Thompson reported the progress of the Washington Commercial Council, Judge Robert H. Terrell called attention to the historic ground upon which the meeting was being held and Prof. John T. Layton contributed two excellently rendered solos. Following the meeting at Lincoln Temple, Mr. Banks was the guest of honor at a magnificent banquet at Martin's Cafe, tendered by the Mississippi Society in Washington, and the Washington friends of the eminent Mound Bayou financier. Mr. Oliver Randolph, president of the Mississippi Society, acted as toastmaster, and responses to toasts were made by Messrs. Banks, Booze, Bell and Andrews, the guests from abroad, and by Register W. T. Vernon, Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, Recorder John C. Dancy, District-Attorney J. A. Cobb, Judge Robert H. Terrell, Judge M. W. Gibbs, Prof. Kelly Miller, Architect J. A. Lankford, R. W. Thompson, W. R. Griffin, Ocea Taylor, T. J. Calloway, L. E. Johnson, F. W. Graham, Prof. William Jenifer, F. B. Barron, J. W. Williams, J. M. H. Young and S. L. McLaurin.

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The coming of Mr. Banks was an inspiration to all the people who heard his eloquent story, and who came into contact with his magnetic personality.

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Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the popular elocutionist, is resting for a few days at her home, preparatory to returning to Pittsburg to fill several supplementary engagements. A letter from Mr. W. Edgar Easton, now at Los Angeles, Cal., conveys the information that this well-known novelist and playwright has completed a four-act tragedy entitled "Christophe," and that the principal character, "Valerie," has been written with special reference to Miss Davis' superb histrionic talents. The role is said to be a strong one, running the gamut of human emotions, from the sweet, trusting girl like "Clarisse" in "Dessalines," to the avenging woman of the Lady Macbeth type. Miss Davis is being urged by lovers of the drama to present "Christophe" in Washington and Baltimore.

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At the mass meeting and reception in honor of Bishop Alexander Walters Tuesday night at Galbraith Church, the Bishop referred to Theodore Roosevelt as "the man of destiny, who would be called from the jungles of Africa to again take the reins of government of this republic," and the house went wild with enthusiasm. It is not only significant that Bishop Walters should utter such a sentiment, but it is regarded as more significant that the remark made such a favorable impression upon an audience that a year and a half ago would have anathemized the mention of the then President. Among those who assisted in making the occasion a success were Register Vernon, Recorded Fancy and Judge Terrell. The eachoes of the late campaign were attuned to the piano key, and everybody, insurgent and regular, was happy and wished the Bishop bon voyage. Bishop Walters sailed on the 26th, to return in June.

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Recorder John C. Dancy has returned from another enjoyable trip to the South. He attended the session of the Bishop's Council of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and this body very graciously gave him every consideration he asked in connection with the editorship of the Zion Quarterly Review. Of the $500 allowed for salary, Mr. Dancy is to get $300 and Editor Fyles $200, and each is to have absolutely free swing in his respective department of the magazine. Mr. Dancy spoke feelingly of the departure of Bishop Walters for Africa, and expressed the deepest satisfaction over the generous donation of nearly $3,500 which the Zion connection had given the great prelate. It may be remarked in passing that Mr. Dancy, a few days ago, began his third term as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia and shows no signs of relaxing that tenacious grip for which he has become famous. He has just inaugurated a new system of filing official papers and documents, which has been heartily approved by the best business forces in the District.

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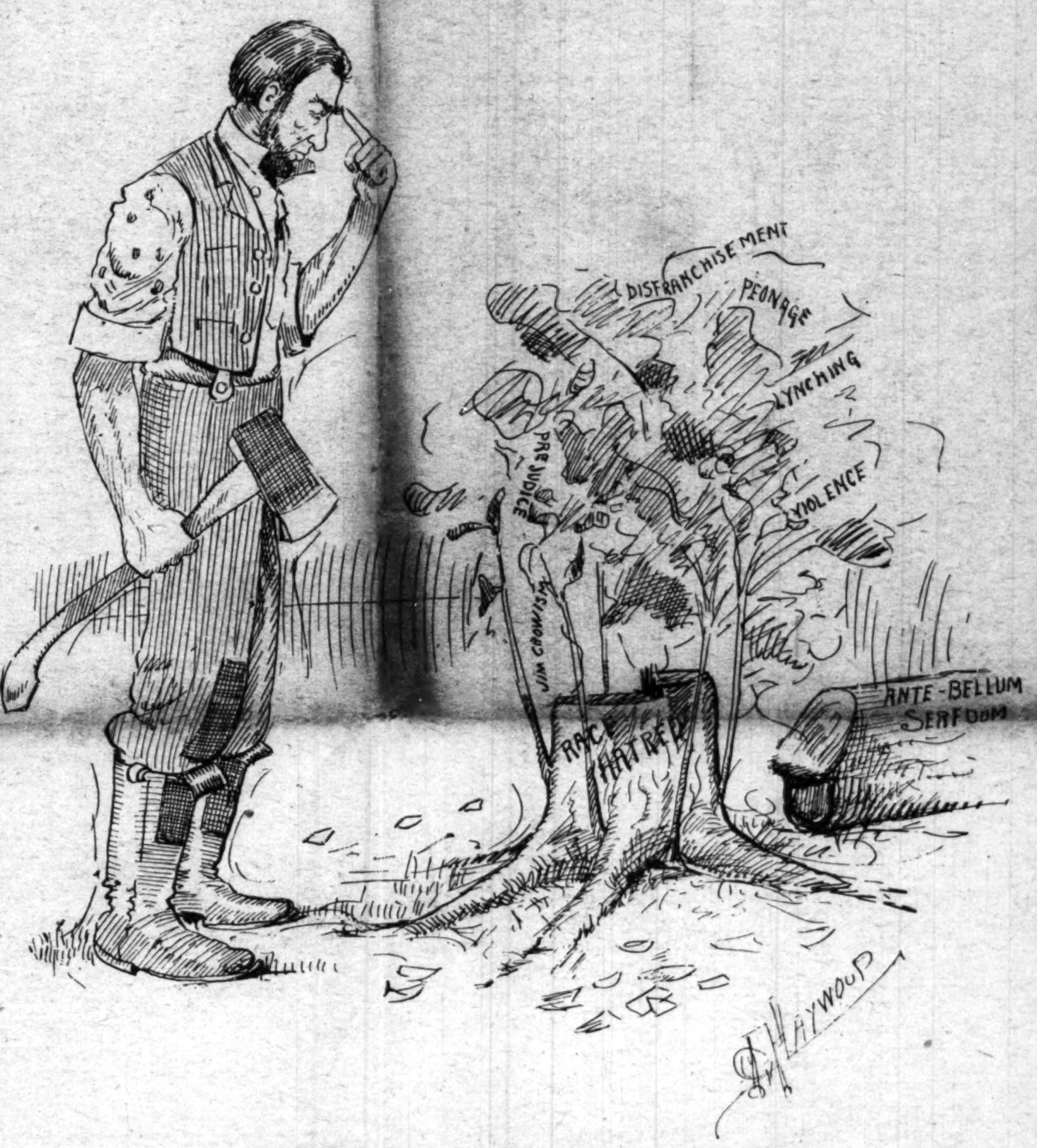
THE WOODMAN.



Now for Getting at the Root of the Thing.

The Army and Navy Union of the District of Columbia is enjoying an era of prosperity and harmony and constructive action are the watchwords of the hour. This was the gist of the address of Capt. J. C. Jorgenson, of the President's Own Garrison, Wednesday night before a large meeting of the James A. Buchanan Garrison No. 111, held at Masonic Hall in 19th street N. W. Delegations from several other garrisons were present to witness the installation of the officers recently elected for the ensuing year. Capt. Jorgenson, as installing officer, inducted the following into office: Commander, Samuel T. Henry, re-elected; Senior Vice-Commander, Wesley J. Parnell; Junior Vice-Commander, James E. Williams; Adjutant, Lewis E. Brown; Paymaster, George D. Powell; Quartermaster, Chas. A. Hayman; Indoor Guard, Andrew Jackson; Chaplain, Charles Rodgers; Officer of the Day, S. D. Frye; Officer of the Guard, Thomas Gray. Commander Henry and others made addresses, urging the members to recruit the ranks and predicting a great future for the organization. Dr. Booker T. Washington, Emmett J. Scott, Major Arthur Brooks, Post-Quartermaster Sergeant B. F. Davis and R. W. Thompson were re-elected as honorary members of the Buchanan Garrison.

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The death of Hon. John F. Cook, which occurred last Friday morning, came as a shock to the people here, although it had been known for sevrale months that he was in poor health. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church, of which he had been a member for a half century. Rev. F. J. Grimke officiated. A tremendous crowd was in attendance, and the edifice was unable to accommodate hundreds of sorrowing friends who strove to witness the last sad rites over one of the race's most successful and useful men.

Mr. Cook was a native Washingtonian and was seventy-six years of age at the time of his death. He was educated at Central College, New York, and at Oberlin, and in early life taught school. His public career began in 1867, when he became a clerk in the office of the Collector of Taxes in the District, being the firts colored men to hold such a position. In 1868 he became a member of the Board of Aldermen, the old suffrage law beink in force here then, and in 1869 he was elected register of the city. Later he was three times elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention. He was prominent in the legislation which resulted in the adoption of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Federal Constitution, fought the "Jim Crow" restrictions under which the Negro labored in the District street cars and on all common carriers, and was instrumental in securing in the early days here an appropriation for the colored schools amounting to one-third of the total amount allowed for all schools. At the time of his death he had relinquished many trusts that had been committed to his hands, but, despite failing strength, had held on as a trustee of Howard University, like positions in the Board of Trustees of the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children, and on the Board of Trustees for the Columbian Harmony Society.

EDMONTON, ALTA., CANADA.

Special to The Freeman:

Mrs. George D. Golden, mother of Arthur and Theodore Golden, of this city, has just reached the city from St. Paul, Minn., to make her future home. It his been two years since Mrs. Golden was here and she could hardly recognize our city on returning and finding it so wonderfully changed. Mrs. Golden's daughter, who is in St. Paul, is expected to arrive this spring....Since last writing a score of additional settlers from Oklahoma have arrived, who expect to take up and develop land here....Mr. Edwards, of Entwistle, is down from his homestead for a few weeks....It might be well to state for the benefit of those who have heard very cold myths with regard to this country, that the land in the southern part of the province near Lethbridge and Medicine Hat is ready for the plow. The chinook winds, however, are responsible for the snow being off the ground. The chinook winds this winter have been very noticeable around Edmonton, inasmuch as we have been having spring weather all winter. Our coldest spell was in November, since which it has been an ideal open winter, the thermometer ranging from 10 to 35 degrees above zero during the entire period, with but a few days creeping below the zero mark....P. Bynum, of Strathcona, was a caller at the correspondent's office during the past week, together with H. Grant, of Winnipeg. Mr. Bynum holds the patent on a new kind of a railroad wheel and is negotiating with a responsible Eastern Canadian manufacturing company for the handling of same. Full details of Mr. Bynum's patent will be published within a few weeks....A stirring address was given by Mr. J. Pendegrast, representing the newcomers from Oklahoma, to the citizens of Edmonton on Sunday, the 16th, at the Loyal Legion Chapel. Other addresses followed, and in all it was a very enthusiastic meeting....The Molson's Bank has announced its intention to erect a three-story bank building on the two lots directly east of the Empire Block, work to commence April 1. ....Leave all news matter, advertisements, subscriptions, changes of address or any complaint of not receiving The Freeman, etc., with Clifford C. Mitchell, the Edmonton correspondent. Call 240 Jasper avenue East. 'Phone 1637, or address P. O. Box 845.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

The Pastor's Aid Society was entertained by Mrs. E. Evans Thursday. After a pleasant luncheon was served the adjournment was taken to meet at the home of Mrs. E. E. Gregory....Mr. Jas. L. McGruder is the recipient of a very much appreciated Grand Master's Jewel, which was presented to him last Wednesday by the Grand Lodge, which met at Lansing, Mich....Mrs. Dora Griffin, who is confined to her home with acute indigestion, is improving....Mr. Chas. W. Williams left for his home in Cleveland, Ohio, Monday, January 30....Rev. W. M. Simpson, of Kalamazoo, Mich., is in our city taking treatments at the sanitarium....Rev. W. M. Simpson is the guest of Rev. I. F. Williams....Preashing every Sunday at the Second Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. V. S. Cooper. All are invited to attend....Mrs. Emma Goodwin is on the sick list.

ERIE, PA.

Mr. H. T. Burleigh, of New York, and Erie's famous baritone singer, will sing here February 8-10 for the benefit of the St. James A. M. E. Church....Mrs. Woodson, of Kane, is visiting Mrs. James Franklin, of West 22d street....Mrs. Margaret Williams, of West 7th street, is visiting in Youngstown, Ohio....Mr. Reed, of German street, has left the city and located in Youngstown, Ohio....Mr. Ray Lawrence was operated on at St. Vincent's Hospital and is getting along nicely....Mrs. H. R. Bacon, of West 22d street, left the city Thursday for Youngstown, Ohio, for a short visit with friends....The Busy Bee Club held a social at the residence of Mrs. R. Baxter Thursday, the 27th, and there was a good attendance. Refreshments were served.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

There was a mask drill at Masonic Hall last week on the evenings of the 25th and 26th, under the auspices of the M. E. Zion Church. Mr. O. Wilson sold tickets for the same. It was a grand success....There was a sad accident here last week. The house of a respectable colored lady by the name of Anna Jobe, living alone, in some way caught fire, and she was burned up in it....The colored people of this city are doing well. They have stores, restaurants, barber shops, etc....Go to C. Ricks for a first-class shave and hair-cut....J. H. Lewis is one of the leading barbers and is doing a good business....Miss M. Souther came here last Saturday from Indianapolis, where she has been visiting several weeks....Miss Killian, of St. Louis, is here on a visit....Rev. Wesley, of the First Baptist Church, is holding revival services every evening, assisted by Rev. Winson, of Duquoin, Ill....Mr. John Reed is on the sick list....Mrs. Mary Macklin, Cairo, Ill., is on a visit.

KANKAKEE, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Beulah Bishop, of Chicago, is in the spending the winter with her cousin, Mrs. Nora Cousan....Rev. O. H. Banks is visiting in Duquion, Ill....The people welcome the paper again, after a week or two of absence....Mrs. Rev. O. H. Banks and son, of Chicago, was in the city visiting C. H. Darey, of South Dearborn avenue....The Ladies' Sewing Circle gave a social Thursday evening at the A. M. E. Zion Church.

CHICAGO WOMEN'S WORK

REVIEWED BY OUR MAN FROM KENTUCKY

SERVICE OF CHILD-SAVING INSTITUTION

Visit to Hull House and Juvenile Court by Courtesy of Mrs. J. C. Snowden—Seek to Better the Conditions Among Children.

By Cary B. Lewis.

Special to The Freeman.

The two weeks' stay of your correspondent in the "Windy" City has been most pleasant and profitable. Pleasant it was to have met many of the most progressive and intelligent citizens of the city. A visit to many of the Negro business enterprises and offices of professional men indicate that the Negro life of Chicagoians is, in many respects, commendable. Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett is at present doing a great work toward the moral uplift of the people in the district known as the "Black Belt." She is one of the most forceful and thoughtful writers of the race, and her articles in the white papers are always creditable to the race.

A work that appealed to us was that of the Juvenile court. It was through the kindness of Mrs. J. C. Snowden, one of the chief probation officers, that we saw the real inner workings of this child-saving institution. After dinner at the Hull House, and this was a treat, we were escorted through this well known building, and then to the Juvenile building. Kind and courteous are all the officers connected with the institution. We visited a day that court was in session, and several children of school age were up before the judge on misdemeanor cases, and it was interesting to see the judgment, wisdom and human sympathy exhibited by the presiding officer. Some of the cases were passed, some put on probation, others sent to the school of reform, while a few were sent to the Juvenile house. This house, or school, is the only institution of its kind in the country. Children that have no parents, and are incorrigable, are kept in this building—both boys and girls are there. It is really a school, as the children are given a rudimentary education of the very best invironment. Both the male and female instructors are experienced and well trained. Miss Lottie Williams and Miss Scully showed us some very fine pieces of art work done by both white and colored boys and girls.

Systematic work of going after the bad child, indifferent mothers and fathers, who have not the child's interest at heart, is the duty of the probation officer. There are numbers connected with the force, and among the colored are Mrs. J. E. Snowden, Misses Smith, Jones and Williams. These good women give their whole heart and soul to the work. They go into all kinds of districts daily, looking up some boy or girl whose environments are poor, or is a "bad fellow," and seek to better their condition.

They have all kinds of cases, many of them pitable, tender and also stout-hearted, but they work to save the child. After they have finished their duties during the day, they hear mothers and fathers at night, with a view of coming to an agreement as how best the child should be trained. So on and on the work goes, and it is proving one of the greatest helps to the real social life of Chicago. The children of the great common people that are receiving the cloak of protection around them. A moral, industrial and educational training is being given by the people of Chicago and Cook county, for both governments share the burden. We appreciated the visit, and wish these good women success.

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Miss Hazel Harrison, of Laporte, Ind., will give a piano recital on Sunday, February —, at one of the large auditoriums down town. Miss Harrison is said to be one of the finest pianoists in this country. A number of her friends here, including Miss Cecelia Johnson, is urging the music lovers of Chicago to be present at the recital. It is expected to be the most brilliant musical ever given in this city.

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Its a settled fact that Hon. E. H. Morris, the distinguished lawyer and orator, man of wealth and brains, is to run for national grand master of the W. O. of F. Mr. Morris has held the office before, and his administration was one of the best in the history of the order. It is said that every lodge in his home city is for him. This is, indeed, a splendid omen.

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Dr. M. A. Majors, located at Thirty-first and State streets, is not only one of the most popular physicians in the city, but has a splendid practice among the best people in the city. Dr. Majors is a "Knight of the Quill," having, for years, been a contributor to The Freeman and other race papers. Now and then the writing fevor breaks out on him and he gives to the public some very fine articles on the race question.

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L. D. Robinson, 2805 State street, is a maker of signs of wood, glass, cards, muslin, oilcloth, metal and raised letters. He also does plain and artistic gold and silver window work. This is the only young colored man in Chicago, so we learn, that is in this business, and much to his credit, as he is "making good." He asks the patronage of the people of Chicago.

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The Freeman can be found at Will Foster's, Thirty-first and State street.

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Joseph Snowden is one of the young men that has hitched his tent among business men. He is associated with Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, the real estate man, 95 Washington street. Mr. Snowden is a hustler and full of business, and with a number of years before him, much is being expected by those who know his excellent qualities.

NEW ORLEANS NEWS.

Dr. J. T. Newman Quoted in Pearson's Magazine—Louisiana's Concubinage Law Severely Knocked.

By V. P. Thomas.

In his article discussing "The South's Fight for Race Purity" in the February number of Pearson's Magazine, Robert Wickliffe Woolley, the essayist, refers to an interview he had with Dr. J. T. Newman, a well-known colored physician of New Orleans, in which Dr. Newman is said to have differed with the view expressed by white physicians that white men get most of their venereal diseases from colored women of the under world. Mr. Woolley quotes Dr. Newman as saying on this point:

"I differ with them. A great deal of my practice is among the women of the under world, both white and colored, and I do not hesitate to say that it has been my experience that of the two the colored women are the least offenders. White women often mistake liberty for license, whereas colored women are afriad to. The chief colored offenders are the housemaid, the nurse and the chambermaid, many of whom pose as God-fearing women, but whose morality is only a pretense."

The article in question has not been read widely in this city yet, but there is no doubt that when it has been and it becomes known that Dr. Newman has put the housemaid, the nurse and the chambermaid among the colored women lower than the women in the red light district, he will hear from them in a way that he will not like as well as he did giving out such a wholesale slander on many of the best women of the race, if he is correctly quoted.

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By means of a demurrer entered in the case of Octave Treadway and Josephine Lightell, who were charged with violating the concubinage law of Louisiana, the Picayune of this city declares that as the district attorney, after going over the matter thoroughly with the judges and the attorney-general of the State, announced hat he would enter a nolle pros., the concubinage law had received its death blow, and that the legislature would have to amend it at its next session if the State is to have such a law on its statute book. Loys Charbonnet, a white lawyer, had the case of the Lightell woman as well as that of the white man, Treadway, and he set forth in his demurrer that Josephine Lighteel or Treadway was not a person of the African race or Negro, and therefore the accusation against both should be quashed. The law reads, he said, as follows: "Concubinage between a person of the Caucassian or white race and a person of the Negro or black race is hereby made a felony." He said that the Lighteel woman was an octoroon and not a Negress, and therefore the law did not apply to her. The case had been allotted to Section B of the Criminal District Court, over which Judge Frank D. Chretin presides, and when it was called up Assistant District Attorney Warren Doyle announced to the court that he would enter a nolle pros. in the case, which he did, but at once presented another information, charging the two accused with concubinage, and describing the woman as an octoroon.

As soon as Mr. Charbonnet heard this he gave notice that he would file another demurrer against the information on the ground that there is no law which prohibits a person of the white or Caucasion race from concubinage with an octoroon, a quadroon, or a mulattress or mulatto. Mr. Charbonnet will hold in his new demurrer that:

"The courts of Louisiana are bound to take judicial cognizance of what the common law of England was with regard to crimes, offenses and misdemeanors in the year 1805.

"Under the common law of England there is no definition of concubinage, no definition of what person belongs to the white or Caucassian race, and no definition of what person belongs to the Negro or black race. The common law of England, neither then nor at any time since, has made any distinction between races so far as the application of its criminal law is concerned, nor in any other respect.

"The act No. 87 of 1908, under which this prosecution is inaugurated, does define concubinage, but it does not punish concubinage. It only punishes or proposes to punish concubinage between persons of the white or Caucassian race and of the black or Negro race, but it does not attempt to define or describe who are persons of the Negro or black race.

"The legislature has not attempted to define who shall be considered white persons or who shall be considered of the Negro race. The section uses the term "Negro" or "black race." Many people of northern India, supposed by ethnologists to be of pure Aryan stock, are certainly black in color and with equal certainty are not of the Negro race.

"The probability is that there is not one person in the State of Louisiana whose ancestors came from the mountains of Caucasus. It is certain that the pure-blooded Jews are of the Semitic race, not of the same race as those who came from the north of Europe.

"But when you come to deprive citizens of their liberty and condemn them to imprisonment, it is incumbent upon the legislature to define with certainty who are the persons it means to punish.

"Such questions should be for the legislature to define in a case imposing punishment in the penitentiary, and the legislature, having failed to do so, can not require the court to determine questions of ethnology.

"Can the court permit an inquiry to be made into the ancestry of one's great-great-grandfather, with all the uncertainty attaching to evidence of that character to be introduced? If one of the accused, for instance, was jet black and the other was apparently pure white, the case, perhaps, would present less difficulty. But, by way of illustration, suppose the defendant, Josephine Lightell, was plainly of a black skin, with kinky hair, could she escape conviction upon proving that she was the descendant of an inhabitant of northern India or the East Indies and not of the Negro race? Suppose, for the sake of argument, it could be proved that defendant's great-great-grandmother had a tinge of Negro blood, would that put him in the Negro race, make him a member of that race and authorize the court to instruct the jury to find a verdict of not guilty, although the other defendant was coal black?

"These are considerations which emphasize the necessity of the legislature defining what persons belong to one race and what persons belong to another before they can be deprived of their liberty under this statute."

TAYLOR, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. Joe Taylor was in the city last week from New Braunsel, shaking hands with relatives and friends. He is also representing the New York Age.... Mr. William Glass and wife have sold out their hotel and gone to Corsicana to reside....Mr. Dee Miller and wife become successors to the Glass Hotel.... Mrs. Maezitta Harrison left this week for San Antonio to visit her husband.... Prof. J. H. Porter, of Rockdale, is in the city organizing the W. W. O. W. society, and is meeting with much success.... Mr. Jacob Rolla and Miss Georgia Alexander were united in the holy bonds of wedlock last Wednesday night. We wish them a smooth and successful sail over this tempestuous sea of life....Messrs. George Robertson and William Chadwick are on the sick list....Mrs. J. W. Jowers is up again and gone back to work at the Taylor hardware, after several weeks' illness.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Special to The Freeman:

The first meeting of the Sunday school of Jones Chapel M. E. Church, Chestnut street, was held on January 16. The following officers and teachers were elected for the ensuing year: Bro. W. M. Watkins, superintendent; Bro. L. J. Holland, assistant superintendent; Miss Miss Pauline Blue, secretary; Miss Ada Johnson, assistant secretary; Master James Johnson and Stephen Byard, librarians; Miss Pauline Blue, organist. Teachers are as follows: Miss Lucy Coston, class No. 1; Miss Lettisha Johnson, class No. 2; Miss Mattie Pronty, class No. 3; Mr. Henry Wilkinson, class No. 4. Miss Ethel Gordon, Miss Beulah Smith and Miss Madaline Bruce were elected assistant teachers. After the election of officers the superintendent, Mr. William Watkins, mentioned different things which would benefit the Sunday school, and was glad to say that our Sunday school is improving....Mr. Jesse Jenkins, who has been employed by Mr. Brisco in South Park as coachman, left for Pittsburg, Pa., January 15....The Silver Leaf Club met at A. W. Wight's cafe, Chestnut street, January 17, and had a very interesting program. The opening address was by the president, Mr. J. H. Wilkinson; select reading by Mrs. Lettisha Johnson; address by Mr. L. J. Holland on "The Uplifting of the Young ePople;" Miss Ada Johnson made a few remarks on behalf of the Silver Leaf Club, which were given close attention. ....Master Charles Johnson, who has been confined in his room on Hough street with the grip, is out and able to go to school once more....Mrs. J. W. Bruce, who has been confined to her home on Spruce street ever since the holidays with a sprained limb, is able to be out again....Miss Grace Henderson has gone housekeeping, and will make her residence on Fayette street....Miss Lillian Clifford, of Piedmont, W. Va., is in the city and will remain a while.... Mr. John Dumbs was in our city a few days ago from Greensburg, Pa., and was the guest of his friend, Miss Lugania Richardson, on East Walnut street.... Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rhoades, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., who have made their residence in Sabration, W. Va., for some time, have purchased a fine home of their own and are now living in it.... The Silver Leaf Club will meet every Monday evening at Mr. A. W. Wight's cafe, Chestnut street. Everybody is invited.

NEGRO STUDENT CHOSEN.

Will Represent Kalamazoo in State Oratorical Contest.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., January 14.—For the first time in the history of the State a Negro, S. J. Williamson, of Jamaica, has been chosen by the Kalamazoo College, of which he is a student, to represent the institution in the State oratorical contest. The only other winner with Williamson in the preliminaries is Miss Emily Carter, a white girl, who will debate with him. The incident has caused a ferment of excitement in the college, despite the fact that Williamson has previously taken oratorical honors in his class.

COLORED MAN TURNING WHITE.

Scientist Tells of Complete Control of the Pigment Cells.

BOSTON, January 14.—That the Negro can soon become white, not merely as white as the ordinary Caucassian, but clear skinned as the pink-eyed, white-haired albino, Q. T. Simpson, of Illinois, to-day told the members of the Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Simpson, who is chairman of the committee on original research of the American Breeders' Association, says:

"By experiments with plans and animals we have learned much of the so-called law of heredity, and in doing so we have come to know a great deal of the nature of the chromosomes or unit of life which gives color. We are close, in my opinion, to gaining complete control over these chromosomes, and that means controlling color.

"I have no doubt that before long it will be possible so to treat a living creature, either by injections or by baths, that the chromosomes in the cells will be attenuated or destroyed."

TO BENEFIT YOUNG MEN.

Boston Afro-Americans Plan Young Men's Christian Association.

The movement recently started by Boston Afro-Americans to establish a Young Men's Christian Association for the moral, intellectual and social benefit of the young men of Boston and vicinity meets the hearty approval of all fair-minded persons who are interested in the welfare of our young men. There need not be any fear as to whether such an institution can be financially maintained by our people. The plans and methods of working for Young Men's Christian Associations are so arranged that the fees from membership, contributions from public meetings, from the apportionment of the various committees and the amount allotted by the central or general association to each city branch will sufficiently cover the general and current expenses of a branch association. It would be a fine thing for Bostonians, and if they want such a work, lack of money will be no hindrance. The power lies with them.

U. B. F. OF TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Board of Directors of the Mutual Aid Department of the Grand Lodge, United Brothers of Friendship, of Texa,s met at Houston, with the following officers present: President, W. F. Bledsoe, Marshall; secretary, F. W. Gross, Houston; treasurer, Joseph Nichols, Houston. The secretary reported receipts for the quarter as follows:

For widows and orphans	$11,618.75
For Grand Lodge taxes	1,287.05
For rent of office building	645.00
For the sale of supplies	336.14
For interest on investments	153.35
For home and business fund	23.20
For change of policies	23.00
For National Grand Lodge tax	2.45
Total receipts for three months	$14,088.94

After discussing the many cases sent up for adjustment, the board set aside $10,000 to settle death claims for the quarter. The Grand Master reported field work unusually good. He further stated that the District Court at Forth Worth had ordered a perpetual injunction against Sam Rose, Dick Campbell and Jesse Mosely, agents of W. A. Gaines, restraining them from operating under the name U. B. F. of Texas.

TEACHERS COMPLAIN.

Insufficient Accommodations Taken Up by Teachers with Railroad Commission.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

DENISON, Tex., January 5.—If the efforts of the Texas Negro Teachers' Association are successful, the Negroes of this State will be forever under obligation to the association. Through a special committee the matter of accommodations given our people by the railroads of the State wes placed before the Texas Railroad Commission by means of a petition, and in detail the insufficiency of the service given was set forth. While Negroes must pay the same fare, no chair car service is ever given, and this, too, despite the fact that this State is so large that a ride of 500 miles, and still be within the bounds of the State, is not a rarity. In many instances the same toilets provided for men must be used by women also, to their annoyance; quite often no lavatories are provided, and even in the presence of colored women men smoke in the same compartment, as no apartment is set aside for smoking. All these and many more complaints were registered, and the commission has taken the matter up with the railroads. What relief will be afforded is problematical, but anyway sentiment is being created for better accommodations. Equal accommodations for equal pay is a matter of justice, and the Teachers' Association has made a correct step in placing the matter before the commission.

CARNEGIE HERO MEDAL FOR WELDON WRAY.

A movement is on foot by leading white persons at Athens, Ga., to secure a Carnegie hero medal for Weldon Wray, an Afro-American in the employ of S. W. Bailey, of Athens, for rescuing little Mary Stone, a niece of Mrs. Bailey, from the flames which destroyed the Bailey home last September. Mr. Bailey has written a letter to the Carnegie hero fund stating the facts in the case, urging favorable action in his employe's behalf. Mr. Bailey says Weldon Wray has been faithful, steady and honest ever since he has been in his employ.

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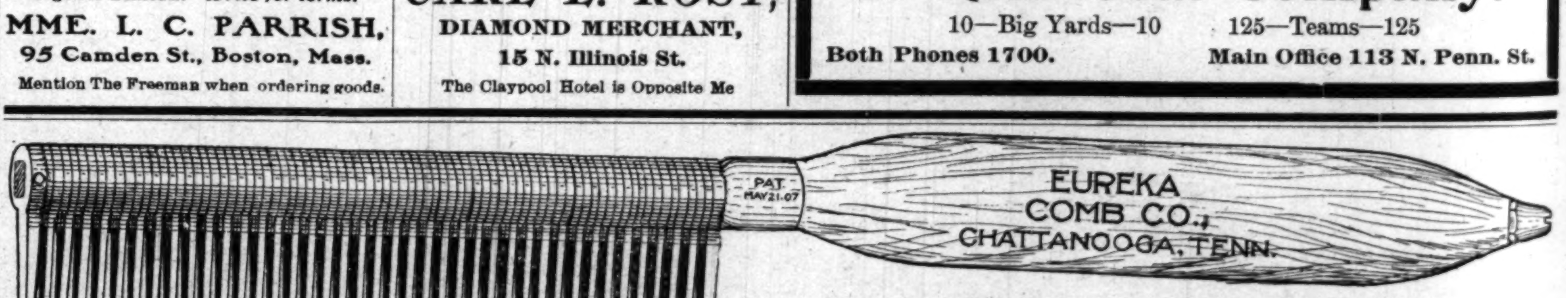
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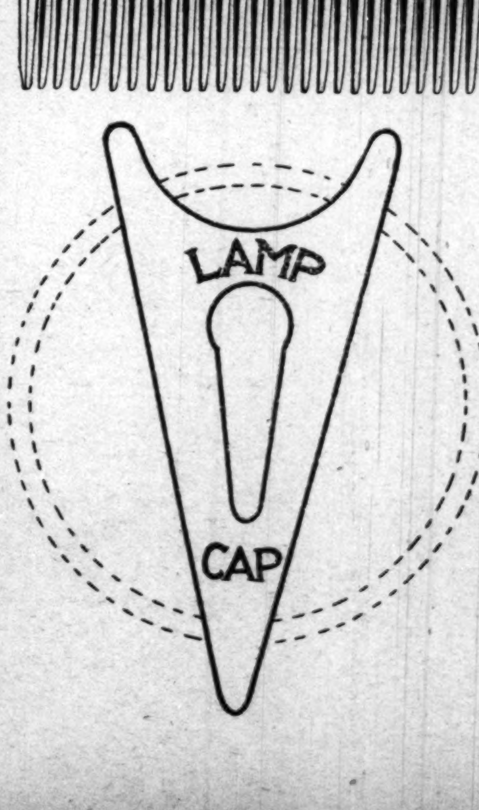

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This latest enterprise is chartered under the corporate name of Oklahoma Building and Loan Association of Muskogee, and is by far the strongest colored corporation of its kind in the West. The incorporators are A. E. Patterson, J. E. Johnson, J. H. Escoe, J. R. Mayne, Louis T. Brown, Geo. P. Johnson, R. H. Waterford, L. F. Fue, Geo. W. Davis and J. H. Lilley.

The objects of this organization are: To furnish convenient, safe and profitable methods of investing even the smallest savings of working people and others; to furnish members of the race who wish to borrow money for any purpose whatsoever, and who prefer to repay in small installments rather than in one bulk sum at a specified time, the means to do so at a reasonable rate of interest; to assist the working classes of our race to become independent by becoming home owners, and to assist them to make saving a habit, by helping them to save.

The character, reputation and conservatism of the officers who have the management of this association are well known. The president, Mr. A. E. Patterson, member of the law firm of Patterson and Lilley, is thoroughly conversant with every need of the business community. He is an active, aggressive and reliable man, he is also a man of ability and high character, and one capable of conducting the affairs of the association with the utmost prudence and satisfaction. The vice president, Mr. J. E. Johnson, cashier of the People's Bank and Trust Company, the strongest Negro Bank in the West, has been closely identified with the banking interests of this city, and his reputation as a business man of ability and integrity is widely known. The treasurer, Mr. J. H. Escoe, assistant cashier of the People's Bank and Trust Company, is well known, and is a man of ripe experience in banking and bookkeeping, and will prove an active, efficient and progressive officer. The secretary, Mr. Geo. P. Johnson, president of the Johnson Investment Company, is a man of superior ability in real estate circles. His reputation as a successful business man proves him eminently fitted for the responsible position that he has assumed. The attorney, Mr. J. H. Lilley, member of the law firm of Patterson and Lilley, is an astute lawyer of State-wide reputation, and one of the best equipped and most thoroughly posted corporation lawyers in the State.

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The main office of the association is Suite 2-4-6, Brown building, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

COMPLIMENT TO OUR SOLDIERS.

Fort George Wright, Wash.
January 12, 1910.

Editor of The Indianapolis Freeman.

Kind Sir—In behalf of the members of the Second and Third Battalions of the Twenty-fifth U. S. Infantry, now stationed at this place, I am requested to beg of you space in the columns of your worthy paper for the enclosed article. Tending you the best wishes of the regiment, and hoping that you will kindly oblige a native son, I remain

Yours, truly,
Privt. WALTER HILL,
Co. I, 25th Inft., U. S. A.

Agreeable to the request above, we gladly publish the below:

Spokane, Wash., Des. 29, 1909.

Lieut.-Col. W. R. Abercombie,
Fort George Wright.

Dear Sir—I beg to inform you that at the meeting of the city council, held December 28, 1909, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, The city of Spokane recently suffered the experience of a determined and premeditated assault upon her laws by the organized forces of the I. W. W., in which the said I. W. W. attempted to subvert and overthrow the laws and ordinance of the said city of Spokane, and in the suppression of which disorder and law-breaking it was necessary that great numbers of the disorderly persons be arrested and confined under sentence of court, to an extent and number that completely overtaxed the capacity of the jail and other places of detention of said city; and,

"Whereas, The authorities of the Federal Garrison, Fort George Wright adjoining this city, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the 25th U. S. Infantry, under command of Lieut.-Col. W. R. Abercombie of the 25th Infantry, courteously granted to the city, upon the request of Mayor Pratt to the War Department, the privilege of confining so many of such disorderly persons as might be necessary in the places of detention in said Fort George Wright, where such persons were kept under the custody and control of the police officers of the city of Spokane; and,

"Whereas, The Federal troops stationed at said garrison, by their soldierly bearing and correct deportment, their sympathy and moral support in the maintenance of good order, and by their constant example of orderly, law-abiding, sober and gentlemanly conduct at all time,s greatly contributed to the aid of our police officers in handling a most serious situation, involving in large degree the great principle of law enforcement; and,

"Whereas, We desire to express our appreciation to the officers and soldiers of the Federal Garrison, Fort George Wright; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the city council do hereby tender to the enlisted men and officers of the 25th U. S. Infantry, for their services and their support, the thanks of the city of Spokane."

Yours truly,
C. A. FLEMMING,
City Clerk.

Official—HORACE L. SYKES,
1st Lieut. 25th Inft, Adj.

To young colored women who propose coming to Northern cities in search of employment:

You who have lived in the country or in small towns know nothing of the dangers of the larger world. Here are some things you should understand before coming North:

1. Do not think of coming until you have learned to do good house work, as there is little demand for untrained women.

2. The wages are higher in the North, but so is the cost of everything.

3. The climate is very severe on the colored people, causing much illness, which is increased by the crowded tenements, where the air is bad and temptations to vice abound.

4. Have extra money with you securely hidden so that no one can steal it on the way. You will have to pay fare in the street cars, and for the cartage of your trunk to your lodging house, and for board at the lodging house. You will find that you must use more money than you ever dreamed would be necessary.

5. The employment agents, North and South, are often dishonest and men of the worst character, who lure young women away from their homes, steal their money and charge them exorhitant prices for transportation and lodging. Their money being gone, the men have the women in their power, and can take them to disreputable houses where they are used for immoral purposes, and end by getting into hospitals and prisons.

6. Have the address of the place where you mean to stay written distinctly on a card before you start, and keep this pinned on you. Only by this means you find your way in the street cars and about the great cities.

7. Before making your plans to come North, write to Mrs. S. W. Layten, secretary of the National League for the Protection of Colored Women, 43 East Twenty-second street, New York City, who will write you directions about coming, see that you are met on arrival, and take you to a respectable lodging house, where you can stay until you find employment.

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Colored Women's Clubs Federation Accepts Booker T. Washington's Suggestion for 1913.

The Missouri State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs held its tenth annual meeting yesterday at Union Memorial M. E. Church, Pine street and Le;ngwell avenue. Mrs. J. S. Yates of Jefferson City presided and delivered the principal address, recommending indorsement of the movement fostered by Booker T. Washington for a semicentennial celebration of the proclamation of emancipation by a national exposition representing the progress of the Negro race in America in 1913.

She urged the delegates to make special efforts to encourage home building and civic pride among the members, and urged that a concerted movement be made to obtain funds with which to provide for wayward girls until the Industrial School for Colored Girls, to be erected by the State , is ready for occupancy.

Reports of the year's work were read by representatives of clubs from all parts of the State.

Mrs. M. L. Harrison, president of the board of managers of the St. Louis Colored Orphans' Home, and Miss Arsania Williams, president of the St. Louis Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, were chosen delegates to the national convention of colored women next July, in Louisville, Ky.

The following officers were elected for the year: Mrs. J. Silone Yates, of Jefferson City, president; Miss Emma Parker, of Clayton, first vice-president; Mrs. L. Knox, of Kansas City, second vice-president; Mrs. Mary Goins, of Jefferson City, corresponding secretary; Miss G. A. Brown, St. Louis, recording secretary; Mrs. M. F. Pitts, St. Louis, state organizer.—St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat.

NOTES FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

By Howard's News Bureau.

Harris Dickson, he who disregards records and the truth as necessary elements or qualities of a writer, has again come forth with a lot of nonsensical verbiage, supposed to represent the Negro race in America. In the American Magazine he publishes a story, "The Job Hunter," describing an old man of the Negro race who is looking for a position but never accepts, always promising but never keeping his contract. As Mr. Dickson says, this represents the Negro race. I wonder if the many long-haired, dirty-faced tramps of the proud Anglo-Saxon race that we meet, and who promise to do chores about the homes for a bite to eat, but who sneak away when the housewife is not looking—I wonder if these represent the white man's race in America? I passed such a character yesterday, with a cold handout, standing in the deep snow behind a box car, eating—a job hunter, yet not wanting a job; and to-day I passed three vagrants whose appearance was suggestive of a scarcity of water, soap and food. Are these men, who have every door open to them, but who fail to grasp their opportunity, representative white men? If so, then Dickson's Negro jojb-hunter is. If not, then reverse the answer.

The same writer also writes a story for Success Magazine of January which every man and woman with a normal mind will readily see is the outpouring of a prejudiced, unlearned and untruthful person. His subject is "The Negro's Idea of Marriage." Dickson chooses characters from some unknown place and parades them as representing the Negro's ideal in matrimony, pointing to loose morals now as compared with the morals, as he says, when the Negroes were slaves and when they were forced to cleave unto one wife. I wonder if Mr. Dickson ever read of the sale of man from wife, daughters and sons from their parents, and of their being compelled to mate with persons of the opposite sex, chosen by the white master without regard to moral ethics, but for the lone purpose of adding to his slave holdings? I wonder if Mr. Dickson does not know of cruel wrong forced upon the slave women by their masters and overseers, in addition to the manner they were torn from one man and forced to mate with others? Is this the morals, the foundation he boasts of, taught during slavery days? Then again, let us compare current events, and methinks somebody else regards the marriage vows rather lightly. One paper on my desk calls to mind a recent event, an aged man named Cohen leaving his wife, forty-six years old, and flying with a girl of sixteen. Just a few days ago a prominent minister was sent to prison for seducing a girl. And what more hideous crime than that of Froggy James on that poor Miss Pelley at Cairo, Ill.? And then the fake Lieut. Mayse, recently arrested in Chicago, who was also arrested in Little Rock, Ark., and each time there was a beautiful woman in the case. Mr. Dickson, are these representative types of the morals of the American white people? If so, then your characters represent the Negro race. If not, reverse the decision.

It is also stated that we are not owners of land. True, we only own thirty-eight million acres of farm lands and about one-half billion dollars in city and town real estate, and we are operating fifty-two banks up to the present date. Our churches and schools speak for themselves. Now, we have no objections to Mr. Dickson looking into the mirror of time and seeing the reflections of himself and others of his kind. We are glad he is not a representative white citizen of America, or even the Southland, for they are different.

His articles published in Hampton's Magazine some time ago were like the ravings of a criminal or insane person pursued by the shadow of his own sin, prejudice, limited learning and immorality. His story in the American Magazine causes one to think of dreamers of ancient days, who did not deal in realization, but dreams. And that in Success Magazine but reflects the immorality of a certain type of white men, the kind that sowed the seeds of immorality in our race, and the kind that will practice their immoral habit upon our women to-day. He is one of the unfortunates who has not seen into the better side of the Negro's life, as has Mr. Ray Stannard Baker, but whose association has been limited to the other class. Sir Dickson ought to remember that in order to keep in touch with the lower things in life one must associate with them. So it is presumed that limited association gives him his views. If the writer will confine himself to records and allow a fair comparison, we will be pleased to point to the other side of both peoples. We write in justice to the Negro, and his records are our proofs.

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MISS BURROUGHS TOURING THE SOUTH.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Convention and president of the National Training School for Women and Girls, is in the Southland. She is receiving the greatest ovation ever given any woman who has passed this way. Though we are experiencing the severest weather, the people are not baffled, but are packing the churches everywhere she speaks.

It was the writer's good fortune to hear her at Vicksburg. She simply held spellbound for an hour and a half the most magnificent audience that ever assembled in the city. When she had finished, Colonel Mollison, president of the Lincoln Saving Bank, said that he had heard a number of women speag, but never a woman who spoke as this one. "For generally," said the noted barrister, "they hold my attention for ten or fifteen minutes, and I have quite enough; but Miss Burroughs held my attention throughout her splendid address."

As a poet, Dunbar was in a class to himself; as an orator, Miss Burroughs is in a class to herself. All down the line to New Orleans this young woman has passed, and the people are singing her praises. She is to be in the Queen City this week, and we are expecting to hear of her triumphs. Her message is full of hope, information and inspiration. The entire race in this section is blessed because she passed this way. The lesson that we have all learned is that a young Negro woman, with faith and vision, can be a benediction to her race.

THE BROAD AX ANNIVERSARY NUMBER.

The Chicago Broad Ax fourteenth anniversary number, issued January 1, was one of the cleverest bits of Negro journalism that we have had occasion to peruse in a great while. The illustrations showed the art work of a gifted mechanic, and the selection of articles the master mind of a born journalist.

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AN APPEAL.

The study of the management of this paper is, how to make it a greater and better paper, a greater power and force for the betterment of the condition of our race, and the editor will thank any one to write him an idea that may be helpful to this end. By the time for our twenty-fifth anniversary we would like to add 5,000 more to our subscription list. Kind reader, will you help? Write the editor a personal letter.

We want to hear from our friends throughout the country. Beginning with our March the 5th issue we propose to start in with the accepted plan for enlargement of our subscription roll, which we desire to be augmented by 5,000 more.

This is to be a very important year for The Freeman. We are searching for our friends; we hope soon to find a sufficient number to aid us in accomplishing our desires with reference to the increase number of new subscribers. This is no charity appeal; we propose in the future, as in the past, to give you an equivalent for the money invested. We are your servants—have been serving the race and our many patrons for nearly a quarter of a century. We want better and greater facilities for our paper. Five thousand more new subscribers will effect this. We have sought to suit the varied interests of the people in religious, secular, civic, sociological, economic, educational and scientific. We have tried to keep the people informed of our "rise and fall" along all these specific lines. We feel that we have not labored in vain; there must be no backward movement nor a retarding of our progress. We want every reader of The Freeman to become personally interested in helping us in this "Subscribers' Campaign" because and for "The cause that lacks assistance," "The wrongs that need resistance," "The future in the distance," "And the good that we can do." Send in your name and that of a friend to the editor as those who will cheerfully enter in The Freeman's subscription campaign.

"DEGREE CRAZE."

In its arraignment of the unworthy preacher whose ignorance is exhibited in the high-sounding title he parades, The Freeman is right. Far too many "D. D.'s" and "LL. D.'s" are alive in the land. But has it never occurred to our esteemed contemporary that Indiana, your own State, Brother Knox, is to blame for three-fifths of these bogus dignitaries. A carpetbag college at Princeton, Ind., once known as "McKinley Memorial College" and now dubbed "Princeton University," is selling more of these disreputable degrees than all the other Negro schools in the land combined. Once such a nefarious degree machine was grinding off "D. D.'s" in this State, but the good people, including worthy ministers, opposed and denounced it so bitterly that it had to go out of business. What is needed is to turn your gun upon the unscrupulous title vending crowd of your own immediate vicinity, and you will soon find fewer of these long-coated, high-hatted, empty-headed doctors on dress parade. There is another school in the Southwest that needs to be fairly warned and if the degree business is not curtailed there that school, too, should be denounced. Yes, turn the guns on the so-called "Princeton University."—*The Star of Zion.*

Your memorandum is in fault—"Princeton University" of unsavory record is now ancient history. It was driven out of business in precisely the same way the one your "worthy" ministers drove out of the State of North Corolina. What matters it if "a" or "the" "bogus school" is in Indiana, New York or South Carolina? Wherever it is located—north, south, east or west—it should be repudiated, cried down, stamped out and consigned to the infernal regions. The "Whang-doogle," "Jack leg," "Nanby-Pamby," "False-hearted," "False-livered," "Good-for-nothing," "Fakir" and spurious-titled Negro is a menace and disgrace to the Afro-American race, and all thinking, intelligent persons appreciating the progress of the race—history in the making—should, with us, point their guns now stacked at "Ft. Righteous Indignation" at that fool of a Negro and fire him into oblivion. The sooner we part company with the "fakir" in our professions the better it will be for the race. Here is a field of usefulness for all our denominational journals.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

The managing editor, Mr. George L. Knox, is at work on his autobiography to be presented to the public soon in book form. It will contain retrospections of an active life, for God, the church, society and the race. He appreciated to the highest the kindly notice given this announcement in a previous issue of the Dallas, Texas, Express and the Southern Christian Recorder, and hopes that other journals in exchange with us will do him a similar service, to the end that the demand will be equal to the supply, and many copies of the book sold in different parts of the country.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The boycott on Meat Trusts is a history-making movement. Evidence prima facie is strongly against the trusts. The people's voice, vox populi, is unanimous and emphatic for immediate investigation, and a reduction of food prices. Down with high tariff. President Taft is reported in this instance as being with the people. The President and the Congress should enforce the law against agreements in restraint of trade. The Beef Trust ought not only to be investigated, but prosecuted, and, if possible, put out of business. The Department of Justice should take the matter up at once, so that the people might see how far this iniquitous trust has violated the law, as reflected in the Sherman Act. The Freeman thinks that the people are justly stirred to righteous indignation in this matter. High prices for the necessaries of life such as now obtain are an abomination.

Where is Fortune & Roundtree's Spectator? Can anybody tell?

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The returns are all in of the recent elections in England and it is shown that the Unionist tariff reformers are in the majority. They beat the Liberals by 12 majority.

Hon. Tom Taggart is convalescing, and the probabilities are that he may completely recover from the load of bird shot he received accidentally the other day in Vardaman's old State.

The Negro muck rakers and Mollycodles and detestible knockers had better look out or they will get "smashed" by the powerful fists of the champions of race pride and progress. Their room is better than their company. Exit.

If we live in an era of greed and graft, we also live in an era of enormous goodness, unparalleled philanthropy, increasing intelligence, and growing ethical standards. Can there be any doubt which forces will win?—Milton Reed.

The Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee is now busy scrutinizing the facts in the case, thus affording the country a peculiar situation in Republican political history. Republicans investigating Republicans, aided by their adversaries, in the investigation—the Democrats. If not exceedingly careful their extremity may mean Democratic OPPORTUNITY.

We pause here to pay our respect to The Horizon, a journal of the color line, edited by W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, assisted by L. M. Hershaw and F. H. M. Murray, published semimonthly at Washington, D. C. We think this an ingenious and interesting journal of a kind greatly needed by the race in this critical period of the history in the making to have an able, scholarly, polite critic, as well as a powerful defender. In The Horizon we get both. We wish it long life and prosperous days.

Our compliments to Ollie R. Smith, of Cheyenne, Wyo., the probable next Negro cadet at West Point naval school. We advise him to get Lieut. Flipper's history of experience while a student at that school, and also to read up on the present administration's policies regarding the Negro being appointed anywhere where a white Southerner might be found to object to his presence. All of this our dear young friend Smith had better digest before he packs his grip for West Point, N. Y. That's all.

It is difficult to comprehend the amount of real service the Conference of Governors have rendered the country and the several States they represented in their latest gathering at Washington, D. C. The fact that the Governors of the several States are willing to confer together to devise ways and means of a systematic action in harmony is an important consideration, and worthy of the applause of the people they represent. The Freeman does not underestimate such a conference, for it sees better days ahead for the good of the people.

Fundamental justice had no place in the disposition of the Mrs. Stetson's case by the Christian Science Church, marvelously centralized in Mrs. Eddy, the founder, whose policy is to drive any and all out of the church who might "star" it over her (Mrs. Eddy)—a sandy foundation for any church to stand on. We fear that the storm of righteous indignation of its intelligent communicants will shake and rend the already tottering church to pieces. "On Christ (not Eddy), the solid rock," the church should stand, "all other ground is sinking sand."

Mayor Shank is no joke. He has already given evidence that he means business for the best interest of this city. Grafters, dive keepers and disorderly saloon men need expect no assistance in conniving the wrong. He is no compromiser with the evil doers. It should be the pleasure of all good citizens to rally to his support and strengthen his hands for the good he may do, to give us a greater and better Indianapolis. The Freeman assures the mayor of its friendly good offices.

The A. M. E. Church Review for the quarter beginning with January 1 is before us, and the perusal thereof has excited our admiration. We think the church has made no mistake, and indeed was very fortunate in its choice of the editor, Dr. H. T. Kealing, who is at once a recognized leader in thought and action for all that is best in literature for the church. So long as he has charge of the Review we can always hope to see a fruitful contemplation of the problems affecting us as a great religious body and a race discussed intelligently, both in the abstract and concrete form, to the enlightenment of all its readers. Here's hoping that the Review will have a successful and prosperous year. Dr. Kealing very appropriately opens this quarter's Review with a prayer for church union, a thing devoutly hoped for by the leaders of colored Methodism. Our own Rev. Dr. Callis, of the A. M. E. Church of this city, is leading the discussion in that direction, the consummation of which The Freeman devoutly hope to see ere the general church meets in its approaching general sessions. This is a service that the leaders of colored Methodism should be expected to render unselfishly to their constituents. In union there is strength. Brethren, get together, even at the sacrifice of self. Let the union come.

The Russian and Japanese governments last week rejected the proposal by Secretary of State Knox for the neutralization of Russian and Japanese railways in Manchuria and the transference to China under a scheme of international financing—concurred in by Great Britain and France acting in harmony with the two governments most vitally interested in the issue. We need at this particular time a great statesman like the late James G. Blaine to handle these intricate international questions. We say this reverently and with all due deference to the Hon. Mr. Knox, who is very young yet in the position.

NO STRIFE BETWEEN PROF. WRIGHT AND DR. WASHINGTON.

The Horizon is in error to insinuate that there will be anything less than a "joy ride" for Dr. Booker T. Washington's exposition proposal. The unexpected has happened—Prof. R. R. Wright and his able son have met Dr. Washington, at the capital city, and they in turn have agreed to unite their forces for the common good of all, that all may join heartily and unitedly in the "joy ride" that is sure to be in the year of 1913. The Horizon, of course, will be there to help us celebrate that momentous occasion.

THE COUNTRY VOTES "AYE" UNANIMOUSLY.

R. W. Thompson says the Negro exposition of 1913, backed by Booker T. Washington, is the only "Simon Pure" one. Now proceed.—Cleveland Journal.

A WORTHY ORGANIZATION.

The National Order of Mosaic Templars of America, with headquarters at Little Rock, Ark., is, in our opinion, one of the most deserving and worthy organizations of its kind in the country, and our people make no mistake in joining and taking stock in it. In saying this we would not disparage other similar and older organizations, for we owe very much to them, but we do mean to say that, considering it from an economic point of view, we know of no other competitor in the field that not only promises but actually does so much for its members as this one, and, too, at a very small cost to the patron. We therefore, gladly call attention to the advertisement of this organization in this issue of the paper, a careful reading of which will satisfy the most critical that our claim for it is not the least exaggerated. Messrs. Alexandria and Bush are race representatives in whom confidence is not misplaced.

JACK JOHNSON WARNED.

Some one close to Jack Johnson, the champion Negro pugilist, had better take him aside and whisper in his ear that the race he represents has its eyes on him, that we all greatly deplore the messes he has gotten himself into here of late, and that if he is not exceedingly careful he will find himself down and out in the esteem of his best friends white and colored. We rejoice that he has the honors he carries, but unless he changes his conduct, it will soon dwindle down to nothing. He ought to know that the greatness he has attained in the pugilistic world is envied him, not only by the proud Anglo Saxon from whom he has wrenched it, but by members of his own race, and that long ago the combination was on to divest him of the honors, and if he is not careful the devil will catch him in the snare set for him and down will go our first Negro champion of the world. For God's sake, be wise, young man. BE A MAN!

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Journal of the National Medical Association, published at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., is received, and it has been as carefully perused as is possible for a mighty busy editor. We admire the Journal and really think it one of the finest typographically issued anywhere by members of the Negro race. We are persuaded that its possibilities for serving the race in a dignified and learned manner goes without saying, and that perhaps it never dawned upon the organizers of the association the widespread influence a journal of the character of this journal would have for the advance and uplift of the competent and able Negro in the professions it is designed to encourage. Our congratulations to Dr. Roman and his able staff of editors. We notice by scanning the pages of the current A. M. E. Church Review that Dr. Roman is making a reputation as "race defender" by his able answer to Judge Harris Dicken's "Exit Black Man." There wasn't much left of the argument of the exit black man after Dr. Roman got through, even if the good doctor had to use such high-flowing language as "Ethnography, Ethnology-Ethnography and Ethno-psychology," and such learned terms as "accuracy or philosophical poise," and "robes of ethnological prescience," etc. Judge Dicken simply had to make his exit when Dr. Roman got through with him. Come again, Doctor, always in your finest.

THOUSANDS CHEER SHIPP.

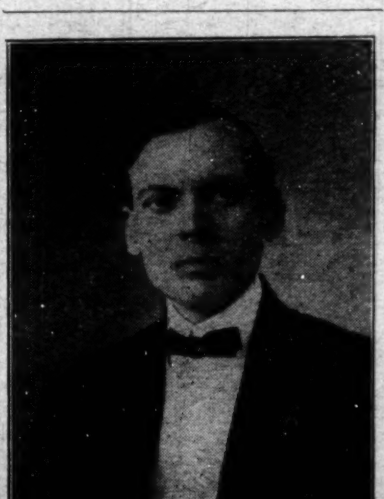
Under the above caption the Star's sympathetic reporter gave a graphic description of the peculiar, foolish and sordid reception of the "Martyr, the Saint, the Statesman's," (nit) ex-sheriff, blood-stain-handed ex-prisoner Shipp, who reached his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., accompanied by two of his fast friends, Ex-Deputys Nolan and Williams, last Sunday. He tells us that 10,000 "GOOD" citizens of that disgraced city of war fame greeted the "dear innocent gentlemen" heroes of a "bloody contest," wherein the blood of an innocent colored man was made to flow to satisfy the hellish passions of a mob of barbarians bent on proving themselves "greater than the law," thereby disgracing not only themselves but their posterity, and so stigmatising the fair name of that beautiful city as to make it a byword and a hiss in the consideration of all law abiding and humanity feeling citizens everywhere. Man's inhumanity to man will surely be punished by the great Judge of all the earth. "BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED; FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP." Let the 10,000 that cheered the returning ex-prisoners, with the blood of the innocent black man streaming down from their hands take notice that God is not dead, and some day each and every one of them will have to give a strict account to Him for the deeds committed in this case, against not only an innocent man, but an oppressed and despised race of men, women and children whom they and their ancestors vicitimized for two hundred and fifty years. This we express as opinion. E pluribus unum. We suppose next we shall hear of the honorable Mr. Shipp running for Congress or a seat in the U. S. Senate, or an appointment to a federal judgeship, for that's the way matters run nowadays.

FRANK W. KING PASSES AWAY.

Succumbs to the Fangs of Hasty Consumption.

Mr. Frank W. King, one of Chicago's best known and leading undertakers, died Tuesday, January 25, from hasty consumption. He had been complaining only a short while when the dreaded disease took holt.

Mr. King was known as a leader in business enterprise among Negroes of the Windy City. He had risen by slow stages, and had grown in business life along with the advancement of his people. He started out in life as a musician, in which he was a success. In his spare time, late at night, he took up the study of embalming and funeral directing; after studying this business thoroughly for a great while, he became so well acquainted with the finer points of undertaking that he soon established the reputation of being one of the best in the business—black or white—in the city of Chicago. He was also a leader in nearly every secret society in the city, being a Mason, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellow, Elk, Forester, etc.



Mr. King leaves a wife and father. It has been reported that he left them in comfortable circumstances, being well fixed financially. His funeral was held at Quinn Chapel, where thousands of the mourners could not gain admission to pay their last respects to one of Chicago's greatest Negro leaders. There was more than a car load of flowers placed about his bier, and it was said that the funeral was the largest in the history of Chicago.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

On last Monday night the Social and Literary Club of Pilgrim Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. W. L. Burton, Fuller street. Rev. E. H. McDonald delivered a lecture upon his trip to Rome. Mrs. Burton's beautiful home was well filled and a very enjoyable evening was spent. This club, perhaps, has done more to create sociability among our people than any other club. Mrs. R. B. Chapman, the president, is a very persistent and earnest worker....Mr. Robert C. Adams has returned from Jeffersonville, Ind...."Up From the Cotton Fields to Graduation Day at Wilberforce," a beautiful college musical drama, was rendered at St. James A. M. E. Church on February 3 to a plendid audience. Prof. T. R. Morgan's orchestra played the music for the occasion....The Elliott Grocery Company had a very auspicious opening of their store, at 411 University avenue, on last Saturday. They have a fine line of groceries and notions. Miss Francis Elliott and Miss Lizzie Taylor are the clerks.....Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gilispie Plummer have moved into the new Elliott flats....Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lobbins are building a new home on West St. Anthony avenue....Rev. R. N. Wilson, of the Central Presbyterian Church, delivered a lecture at the West End Branch Y. W. C. A. on last Sunday afternoon....The juvenile sewing class, conducted at 3 o'clock each Saturday, is free to all children under 12 years of age....Friends of Mrs. Geo. Duckett, St. Anthony avenue, filled her home on last Saturday night in celebration of her 50th birthday. She received quite a number of handsome presents, among which was a fifty dollar bill from her husband and a handsome cut glass punch bowl from her lodge....The officers of the B. Y. P. U., of Pilgrim Baptist Church, were installed on last Sunday night by the pastor, the Rev. McDonald....The West End Branch will celebrate Lincoln's birthday....The Men's Sunday Club, of St. James A. M. E. Church, met last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There was a heated discussion upon the subject as to whether or not the Negroes of St. Paul should endorse the Semi-Centennial. On January 9 the club met with a very few present and drew up resolutions stating that the Negroes in Minnesota were opposed to the exposition, but upon last Sunday that resolution was reconsidered and sponged from the records. In lieu of which resolutions were made endorsing the exposition and a copy forwarded to Prof. Booker T. Washington and one sent to Congressman Stevens of this state, asking him to vote for the Semi-Centennial appropriation in Congress....The Golden Gate Quintette played at the Majestic this week....Get THE FREEMAN each week from Henry Crawford, the popular news agent.

DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

It is of much importance to all Courts and Knights of Pythias here to note that the newly elected trustees have been duely organized into the business that is to come before that body, which will be of great value towards the new temple and others changes much needed....Mrs. Thomas H. Love received last Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the Guess-Who Club in honor of Mrs. Will Dixon, of Terrell, who was here visiting relatives and friends. Her guests were Mrs. John House, Mrs. Wm. Middleton, Mrs. Hattie Jones, Mrs. Wm. Hayes, Mrs. L. Johnson, Miss Hart, Miss Wells, Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. E. Newby, Miss M. Sinnond and Mrs. White. The evening was spent in games, mirth and music. Mrs. Dixon was much delighted with the reception, and left for her home with the joys of her visit to the city and a memorandum of the future and good will to one and all....Mrs. Mary Doan, forty-three years of age, died last Saturday, and was buried from St. Peter's Catholic Church, corner Allen and Cochron street, Sunday evening. She leaves three grown children, and many friends who sympathize with them in their bereavement....Mrs. Mollie Jones has remodled her shinning stand on Central avenue....Phillip Wheatley Club, of Erwing Chapel C. M. E. Church, is moving things along all lines in a financialy way, which speaks volumns....For those ladies at Gallilee Baptist Church, Tueddav night, February 8, Dr. Hampton and members will hold a church fair at their church on Central avenue. A grand drill will be one of the leading features.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Woman's Guild, of St. Thomas Mission, will have an open meeting Monday evening, February 7, at the residence of Mrs. Minnie E. Plummer, 1812 Fifth avenue, south. The ladies will serve Kentucky oysters and other delicacies of the season. All friends are invited to come out and enjoy themselves before the lenten season begins....The Thursday Evening Whist Club met with Mrs. Al. Moss, of 2740 Eleventh avenue, south, Thursday evening of last week. The prize winners for the evening were Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, first prize; Mrs. Minnie Plummer, second prize, and Mrs. Z. A. Pope, third prize. A very enjoyable evening was spent.....The M. T. C. Art Club met last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Wilson, 2818 Chicago avenue....Dr. Red, of Chicago, Ill., is now in the city, and at present is staying at the home of Mr. aM. Neal, of Fifth avenue, south....Mr. J. H. Anderson and Mrs. Fannie White Roberson were quietly married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. King, 4125 Clinton avenue, south, on Wednesday evening, January 26, only the family being present. The Rev. Roberts, of St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, officiating. Both parties were formerly of Paris, Ky....A surprise party was given last Friday evening for Master Howard Brady, a mid-winter graduate from the Lyndale school, at his home on West Thirty-second street. Quite an enjoyable evening was spent among the young people that were present....The Old Folk's Concert, which was given at Bethesda Baptist Church last Wednesday evening, was quite a success, and quite a number were present....Dr. Red, of Chicago, Ill., delivered a short address at the missionary society of Bethesda Baptist Church last Sunday evening....George Washington Tyler, of this city, will produce one of the largest minstrels shows that has ever been witnessed in the twin cities. Mr. Tyler is the composer of the play and will enact the leading roll. The play is entitled "George Washington Tyler Discovering the South Pole," and will be played in a two act comedy. The music will be played by Prof. Loran Salvinsiatoa, who comes from Cuba to take part in the show. The play will be staged by Rufus Anderson, also a local playwright. Viola Anderson will be the prima dona and Miss Anita Butler will be the warbling nightingale. James Muller will dance a buck and wing. There will be plenty of good music, all composed by Mr. Tyler. Twenty people will form the company. The show will be played on the evening of February 28, at the South Side Auditorium, Twelfth avenue, south, and Third street. After the show a dance will be given, and Mr. Tyler will trip off some of his latest dances from Paris....Mr. James F. Wilson, of 2818 Chicago avenue, is the correspondent and agent for THE FREEMAN in this city, and would like to supply you with a copy every week. Mr. Wilson would be glad to receive your news items each week.

CHEYENNE, WYO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

At the A. M. E. Church recently a part of the Ninth Cavalry Band gave quite a surprise party to the people who attend, and the committee in charge of the festival, in the way of a musical programe. When the church doors were opened the band men began trooping in to the surprise of every one, from the pastor, Rev. Washington, on down to and throughout the congregation. But their surprise did not stop there, as the boys opened with the "Sexetett Frof Lucia," followed by a piano solo by Prvt. Clyde Andrews; violin, piano and flute trio by Prvts. Andrews, McAdams and Tiegles; piano solo by Prvt. John Dyer; vocal duet, Italian song, Mrs. J. C. Harris, Sergt. Chas. E. Hammock; violin solo, Prvt. McAdams; trombone and cornet duet by Sergt. C. E. Hammock and Prvt. Drye.... Mrs. J. C. Harris, wife of Drum Major Harris, is due the credit in getting together the young men to assist in the entertainment.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The colored teachers of the Brighton School gave a concert Monday night for the benefit of their janitor at the Baptist Church in Brighton. The teachers are as follows: Mrs. W. L. Burly, Miss Lillie Carr and Miss Anora Jones....Mr. Orrin Lewis and wife, who is a sister of Mr. William Grogan, are here visiting their brother....Miss Nellie L. McLane and company presented her original sketch, "Life at Emanaul Church," Tuesday of last week, and, in spite of bad weather, they had a fair crowd....Andy Williams, better known as "Frog," is doing a fine business in Portsmouth. He has a barber shop of five chairs.

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THE STAGE

Additional Stage News on Page Six.

Richard Jackson has joined the Lowery-Morgan Minstrels, and sends regards to all.

The Congo King Company continues to "clean up" putting on a new comedy. Regards to all friends.

A. W. Jones, elocutionist and sweet singer of Boston, Mass., is spending some time at Magnolia, Miss.

Miss Abbie Mitchell, the operatic soprano, is appearing at the Orpheum Theater, Vancouver, B. C., this week.

Miss Ida Crumby, leading lady at the Lyric Theater, Columbus, Ga., sends regards to Mrs. Rastus Jones and Prentis Oliver.

Scott and Crosby, Tom and Margie, that jolly team of singers and dancers, are appearing this week at the Enterprise Theater, Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Walter B. Moore, formerly manager of the Smart Set Company and S. H. Dudley, was in the city the first of the week with Ward and Vokes in "The Promoters" at the Park Theater.

Minstrel Mitchell, en route with the Sunny South Company, is making himself known singing "The Christening of Abe Lincoln Jones." Louise Le Vine is making a hit singing and dancing "Cubanola Glide."

Bert Davis and Harry McHall, composers of the latest coon song success, "A Stalling Coon," had as their guest the Great LaShe, the wire artist, to a three-course luncheon during his four nights' engagement at the Savoy Theater of Superior, Wis.

Mr. Henry D. Collins, business manager for Augustus Thomas's "Arizona," which comes to the Park Theater Monday for three days, was a Freeman caller this week. Mr. Collins was for a number of years connected with colored shows, and will probably next season take out a show of his own.

Malloy and Hurkun, the two harmonizing coons, send regords to all friends in and out of the profession. They open at the Maceo Theater, Charleston, S. C., January 10, playing own limit time. Their act is a scream at each performance, and they are playing to packed houses every night.

Cooke and Pankey were royally entertained by Mr. W. E. Foster, president of the Canadian Pacific Porters' Club, during their week's engagement at the Pantages Theater at Vancouver, B. C., where they were a decided hit. Mr. Foster saw to it that they received every attention during their stay.

Bert Grant and Irving Jones, one of the best known teams in vaudeville, will fill a week's engagement here at the Colonial, beginning Monday, after an absence of seven years. Grant and Jones are, perhaps, one of the oldest teams in vaudeville to-day, and they have been playing to some of the largest houses in the country in and around New York for the past four of five years.

Bradford and Veneter, the two Zulus, the act that sings its own songs, has made a decided hit in Jacksonville, Fla. Mr. Bailey heard of this, and came over after them to play his house, the Arcade Theater in Atlanta, Ga., for three weeks. They wish to be remembered to all of their Chicago friends in or out of the profession and say hello Dehomey. Juli Jones, tell Marshall to save us a pig foot. Leon Motts, don't cancel no act. Cheer and Jones, don't take no bad money. And hold your own, Duke Brannan.

The Black Diamond Troubadours, headed by Billy Henderson, the Georgia Honey Boy, after filling successful engagements in New Orleans, Shreveport, Texarkana, Memphis and Houston, will depart for Newport News, Va., for an eight weeks' engagement, after which they play various cities in Kentucky, North and South Carolina. The roster is as follows: Sam Russell, the Tennessee Rosebud; E. Deb Levi, Kid McCoy, Sandy Burns, Marie Jackson, Minnie Jones, Millie Williams, Effie Means and Billy Henderson.

WILLIAM McCABE'S GEORGIA TROUBADOURS IN MINNESOTA.

GLENCOE, Minn., January 14.—McCabe's Colored Minstrels played here last evening to a well-pleased audience. Everything to please, nothing to offend the most refined. Their singing is far above the average of traveling troupes, and the entire performance is clean and highly entertaining. I would like to book them again for a return date in the near future. J. P. Waldron, Manager.

ROCKWELL'S SUNNY SOUTH.

The company is about the same; only one new addition. Mr. Ernest Clermont, tenor singer, joined us at Perry, N. Y. Mr. Clermont is formerly of the Coon Hollow Company, and is singing "Come After Breakfast" and "What's the Use of Dreaming?" George Thomas, our banjo artist, is still opening the olio in fine style with his monologue, and never fails to leave them screaming with his mocking bird imitation on the banjo. Tip Saunders is saving all his money to buy several lots on Wylie avenue in Pittsburg. Clark Goodly, tuba player, is still smiling and always has a fresh one to tell. While playing Wellsville, N. Y., there was a stag party given in honor of all the men, and they had a fine time.

THE LACY BROTHERS' MINSTRELS.

The Lacy Brothers' Minstrels are still touring the State of Kansas, showing to crowded houses. Roberson and his pickaninnies closed in Topeka; the Clarks, Joe and Jean, closed also. The show was strengthened by Gaston and Anderson, who clean up with their laughable sketch. Lizzie Thompson is still holding her own singing "Brother Sylvest" in the first part. Sue Simmons is in the olio. Dan Hull and George Lovingood are holding down the extreme ends, supported by Rastus Anderson, Gaston, B. Janners and Bennie Sparrow. Mrs. Lena Hulett is cleaning up with "I Want a Boy to Love Like You" and doing interlocutor. We have one of the strongest little bands on the road: Charlie Brown, leader, cornet; A. Brown, cornet; Thos. Thompson, clarinet; Dan Hull, alto; W. Hulett, trombone; C. Price, tuba; Geo. Lovingood and R. Anderson, drums. Prof. Price is leader of the orchestra: C. Brown, cornet; W. Hulett, trombone; Thomas Thompson, pianist; C. Brown, traps. Everybody is happy. Regards to all in and out of the profession. Has Paul Carter left this country.

DUDLEY WILL ASSIST J. ED GREEN IN REGAINING HIS HEALTH.

Mr. J. Ed Green, the well-known actor, playwright and producer, is soon to make a visit to this city through the courtesy of Mr. S. H. Dudley, the premier comedian. Mr. Green is now in poor health, having been in a Chicago hospital for many weeks. While "His Honor, the Barber" was filling an engagement there, Mr. Dudley was a regular visitor at the hospital where Mr. Green was confined. During one of these visits Mr. Dudley suggested that if Mr. Green would consent he would arrange a trip for him which it is thought will result much in the famous playwright's favor. It is believed by many that a sojourn through Colorado or California would be of great value to a man who has worked unceasingly as Mr. Green has for so long a period at a nerve-wrecking business. Had he done such a thing several years ago, he might have avoided what has come upon him. Mr. Dudley has taken the steps to show us the warm heart and tenderness he has always had for his friends at all times. He only shows up when he can be of value to those who need him.

SAMUEL E. GRAY'S RESTAURANT THE TALK OF INDIANAPOLIS.

The theatrical and general traveling public will welcome the news that Indianapolis has at last a first-class and thoroughly up-to-date restaurant and cafe. Mr. Gray's place is located directly across the street from the FREEMAN office. The cafe is beautifully furnished in old mission, with all the dainty trimmings of fashionable Metropolitan style. Above all, you get something to eat at this cafe, which is not the general rule where particular display as to furnishings, etc., are impressively in evidence. The convenience of Mr. Gray's place to the central portion of the city appeals strongly to the busy men of the busy sections of the city, who are compelled to lunch down town. This will also appeal to the traveling and theatrical people who visit the city, as it is in close touch with theaters and hspoping districts. Mr. Gray extends a cordial invitation to the members of the "Smart Set" company to make his place headquarters during their visit to the city. Everything is served and at prices that are within the reach of all.

PEOPLE'S THEATER, HOUSTON, TEX.

George Lewis's Stock Company is still sending them away screaming every night, and owing to the immense crowd that thronged the street at nights the People's Theater was closed down, remodeled and enlarged for the special benefit of the George Lewis Stock Company. They had been at the Palace Theater, and it was too small to accommodate the patrons, so the company was removed to the People's Theater, as it is the largest house and the George Lewis Stock Company draws the largest crowd. The whole bunch is good all the way through. George Lewis and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, are delivering the goods. Levi and Russell are always a big laughing card. Mrs. Love gets hers nightly from the whole house. The Tansels, Frank and Aggie, are a neat little team, and are very much appreciated. Burns and Campbell are also good additions to the show; Mr. Burns is a good all-round performer, doing several characters. Kid Love, our pianist, George Williams, our trap drummer, and James Miller, the trombone player, certainly handles the musical end of the show to perfection. George Lewis and the Tancels send regards to Long Willie, Happy Goodloes, Jennings, and all friends in and out of the profession.

S. H. DUDLEY AT THE PARK.

That remarkable organization of colored singers, dancers and comedians, the "Smart Set," will be the attraction at the Park Theatre, Feburary 10, 11 and 12, with the usual matinees. S. H. Dudley, one of the best known and withal cleverest Negro funmakers before the public, still heads the company. Supported by sixty capable people, he will appear in the stellar role of Raspberry Snow in a brand new three-act musical comedy entitled "His Honor the Barber." Those who have followed the career of this favorite comedian declare that he has the best role he has been called upon to portray in years.

Fun is rampant from curtain to curtain, and during the entire production there is neither a suggestive line nor vulgar situation. Fifteen original song hits and musical numbers are introduced, while the other features, scenic adornment and novelties in the way of stage pictures, electrical and mechanical effects, from all accounts, are superior to anything offered to local theatregoers in years. The entire cast is composed of artists of ability who lend their talent and experience in lifting the entertainment to a state of perfection seldom witnessed on any stage. Raspberry Snow, who is a soldier of fortune, has any amount of humorous and exciting adventures. He aspires to shave the President of the United States, but his ambition is only realized in a dream, which forms the basis of the second act.

Raspberry is a confiding good-natured person who gets into all sorts of trouble, especially with his sweetheart. He finally regains her affection by winning a horse race.

The comedy has been staged in lavish style by Messrs. Barton and Wisewell, the owners, and patrons of the Park Theatre may be assured of a careful and satisfactory presentation. Others who contribute towards the fun are: Chris Smith, James Burris, Irving Allen, Andrew Tribbles, Matt Johnson, Jennie Pearl and Alene Cassel.

DEHOMEY NOT TO LAND.

With some of the snow gone and that bull-headed thermometer acting like it had some common sense, we have made paths through the snow. The swells and belles of Armour Boulevard are in direct touch with the muck-de-mucks of La Wabash, the pleasant, and join hands along the icy stroll. It's almost a jubilee. We will never be caught napping again. Believe us! The slot houses are enjoying it all with packed houses. That Grand My! My! The business it has done in the last three weeks. When one reads the press and sees where the S. R. O. sign has to be displayed nightly in some out-of-town house, the news sounds like a joke after one sees the crowd clamoring to get into the Grand from 7 to 11. It makes no difference who is on the bill; but somehow or other the management keeps a good bill on.

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The Monogram is getting back into its stride again. This house has had so many changes that there is not enough room to print the names. Changes in management hurts any house. Another drawback to this house is that it gets decidedly the worst of the booking in some way.

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The Bijou is still afloat, but how long, how long? I will go and see a clairvoyant.

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William Dorsey, the popular little piano player and stand-out arranger of the stroll, is back at the Monogram again. Mr. Dorsey, aside from his arranging, bears the distinction of being the best single-handed piano player in Chicago, white or black. From good authority we hear that he is soon to join the arranging staff of Will Rossiter's Publishing Company. When he does take one of the selected chairs in the Grand Opera House Building; it's all off. Dorsey is the young kid behind the music.

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Yes, yes, we are going to have a new house, the New Grand, a $50,000 structure. It will open on the very night that the bells of the Barber's Ball spring the new Easter gray bonnets. Spread back! We are going; shovel it on, putting it on is too slow. But listen, there's going to be another big theatre in Dehomey. Just wait.

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Plans are on foot to give Mr. J. Ed Green a rousing benefit. If ever a man deserved it Mr. Green does. It's a shame how the Negro performers of the West stand idly by and do not attempt to show this man, who has done so much to pull them up to the standard of other showmen, any consideration. Look at the white performers. Some twelve years ago they gave Oscar Hammerstein four benefits in one night, and he wasn't sick, either. Let us all get together throughout the West and East and give this man, who made the Pekin famous, one monster testimonial. J. Ed Green deserves it.

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Oh, yes; how could I forget it? Mr. Harry Brown, of Brown and Hodges, takes offense at the article in the Christmas issue of The Freeman about the vaudeville actors, also the big company. I know Mr. Brown well, and also his charming wife, Miss Hodges. Mr. Brown is a true friend to Negroes in this line of the profession; in fact, Harry is a well-met fellow in all walks of life. I must thank him for making his views public and signed by him. I am sorry that space would not allow him to say all that he wishes to say, but he said enough. I guess its up to "yours devotedly, Juli Jones, Jr.," to have his say, which will appear in the issue of February 12, or in the editor's waste basket —one place or the other.

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The South and Southwest have made some real notice in a theatrical way by sending orders for good first-class companies with good guarantees. It seems that the managers or public are tired of the old faces. The business is on the highway of success. Another thing, if the colored managers do not pu good shows in their houses, white manager will. These quick-time small shows make money, and the white man knows it, and will put shows in every town where there is enough colored patronage to support a little house. It's a matter of finance, brothers, not color. Business is business.

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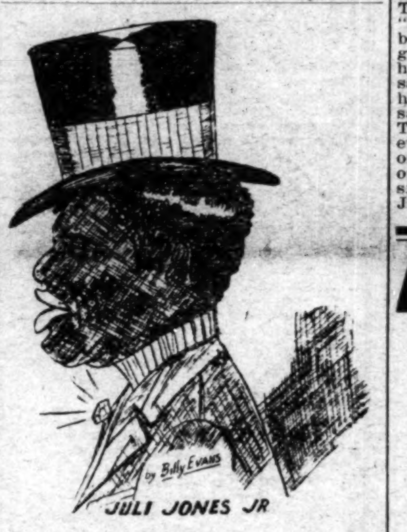
At last it has come. Charles Hunter, of the "Red Moon" Company, has parted friendship with the only Bob. Next Jerry Mills joins the company to fill the place of Bennie Jones. Did anyone ever see so many changes in the big wheel shows as this season? There will be a real battle in New York next summer; you just wait. Here are some of the changes and drops from the "Red Moon:" James Europe, Abbie Mitchell, Bennie Jones, Charles Hunter, Tootsie Allen—all on account of trouble. From "Mr. Lode o' Koal:" Jim Vaughn, Will Elkins, Babe Foster and Hattie Hopkins—all to cut down expenses. From "His Honor, the Barber:" Jim Burris, Boots Allen—reason not given. From the Southern Smart Set Company: John J. Nolan—closed with the money, and we haven't seen him since.

THE LIFE HISTORY OF JULI JONES, JUNIOR.

By Juli Jones.

The constant demand from the readers of The Freeman for the history of Juli Jones, and his picture, has made Manager Knox bow to the demand.

Juli Jones was born in See-Saw, Whippoor-will county, Mississippi, fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and—. Owing to the family Bible being lost, the rest of the age must be omitted, which I regret. At any rate, it was at an early age on a farm. Parents well-to-do, honest Christian people, but had to put on a mighty big hustle to make a living. Both were newspaper geniuses—father the reporter, mother the editor. Father brought in the news and mother circulated it freely. They will go down in history as the successful inventors of the magic automatic press. Their system is in action throughout the United States. They did not use any paper or type to get out their daily or nightly editions—any time father gathered any news he would hurry home to mother. Mother would lay down her washing or even get up out of bed to spread the latest news among the natives. Anyone can see where I got my newspaper ambition from. Their Sunday edition in front of the Second Baptist Church carried more local news than the Detroit Free Press. This was where I showed my ability as a newspaper boy. I ran the funny page, which became very popular, and circulated the news among the children and old folks. In fact, they became the talk of the State. The name of the paper was "The Free Mouth."



JULI JONES JR

But the sad, sad ending of "The Free Mouth" came very sudden—well, rather sudden. Father went out one night to gather some free news and other things for the famous Sunday dinner and the Sunday edition of "The Free Mouth." Committees had been formed throughout the county opposed to "The Free Mouth" methods of free talk and night walks and other things. Father did a little too free one night, and the committee had made up their minds to put an end to the free doings of father. Thanks to a dear old friend of the family, Jimson Johnson, who had in days gone by enjoyed many of the celebrated dinners at the Jones house, he put father wise to what was going on against him and his paper. But he came near doing it too late, as father was loaded up with news and other things. Well, father dropped everything in time to get a good lead on the dogs and different committees on horses, and, showing his Indian skill and fox speed, simply lost everybody. Bless his old heart! He is in retirement in Hong-Kong, China, and mother by his side. They will start their paper again as soon as they learn the Chinese language. I point to their work with pride. The above is real history, and their famous get-away—can you beat it? No, never! Never!

The vigilance committee left me a poor orphan boy that all of his life had been raised on the best the neighbors had. The final finish came when every neighbor for miles around came to the old home to get a souvenir of the old homestead. Some went so far as to identify some of our many beautiful household effects as theirs. In fact, the different ones claimed everything, including the old mule. I have been told that there is nothing left but a spot with no grass on it.

I left, and left in a hurry, and went to work on a farm as a cattle raiser—well, to take care of hogs. Wages, or rather promises, three meals a day and Sunday off, with another promise of a raise. By accident I reached Chicago. The man I worked for shipped a load of hogs to Chicago. I was so devoted to the hogs I made up my mind to spend the last night with them before being shipped to the Chicago stockyards. While asleep with my devoted dumb friends the brakeman locked the car, and the train rolled out on its way. The fourth day I arose in the Chicago stockyards, after a hard time convincing the yard hog-keepers that I was real. One nervy circus man, a fair promoter, wanted to show me around the country as the hog that could talk. "No, sir," was my reply.

I was in Chicago with only a Sunday school education, as I only attended day school about a month. The other children would not let me. They did not like me—well, they liked me, but they did not like the shape of my head, and were always trying to put it in order, which made me sore, or at least made my head sore, so I left school on the third day. What was I to do in this big Windy City? By misfortune or good fortune, any way you may take it. I got a job in the Bridewell, after a long wait in the county house, at the same scale of wages I got before I left home—three meals a day and all day Sunday—but had to stay in the house. The only evidence they had against me was that they found a watch in my left hip pocket. Everybody said the Bridewell was the place for an editor's son.

I want to dispute one damaging story that has gone the rounds against my fair name. I was never in Dunning or any other crazy house. The experts judged me a harmless subject at large.

Another statement I want to correct. Some one or a lot of people claim that I am not a professional. The police department say that I am, and have my photo on their walls, marked a true one. Should one ever visit Chicago, go to Harrison and Clark streets and ask to see No. 8484. This proof will convince the original Mr. Doubting Thomas who I am.

I have not had a steady job since I left the Bridewell. In fact, I have not done any work since the last annual. Different people beg me to go on the stage, others cry to me to go on the stage, but I don't like the look on their faces, so I think I will go back to the stockyards and valet the swine—my first and only love, as far as work is concerned.

In conclusion, I send my best to Mr. Elwood Knox and The Freeman staff. Excuse me, I forgot the ladies and gents that are in Seattle awaiting another fair there; also that Mr. Arthur Prince is not a gentleman (with apology). Jim Lacy is the best get-away man in the business.

Three cheers for Juli Jones, Jr., son of the great Juli Jones, Sr. Hip! hip! hip! Hooray! All gentlemen for Juli Jones, Jr.

RASTUS JONES A PRODUCT OF THIS CITY.

Rastus Jones, one of the "big tenor singers" of "His Honor, the Barber" Company, which comes to this city February 10, 11 and 12, is formerly of this city, having lived here nearly all his life. Mr. Jones at one time was a favorite in the choirs of the various churches of this city. No concert program was complete unless he appeared on it. Generally he was known as a stanch clubman, being an ardent member of the Herculean and Tuxedo clubs.

WILLIAMS AND WALKER LONG AGO PARTED.

Williams Made the Announcement Several Months Ago.

In the issue of January 28 of the New York Age appears an article with the following head: "Have Williams and Walker Separated?" Several months ago when Mr. Bert A. Williams was here playing "Mr. Lode o' Kole," the big comedian gave it out in a matter of fact way that Mr. Walker and he had separted in the theatrical business for all time, and that it was probable that Mr. Walker would join his wife in the event of her heading her own show. Mr. Williams did not say that there had been an upheaval, but that it was simply a business agreement made to benefit both.

Walker on the Road to Recovery.

Mr. George W. Walker is now at Lawrence, Kansas, his native home, where he is slowly recovering from a very serious illness. tI is thought by his physicians that he will be able to return to the stage by next season through careful attention.

New Play for Williams.

Mr. Williams' manager informs us that "Mr. Lode of Kole" will not be used next season by Mr. Williams, but that a new musical comedy is being prepared for the premier comedian.

C. D. M.

ALLEN AND TRIBBLE WILL GO INTO VAUDEVILLE.

Without a doubt Irvin Allen and Andrew Tribble will surely go into vaudeville at the closing of their season with "His Honor, the Barber" company. Mrs. Tribble will accompany them, and the act will be known as the Allen and Tribble Trio. The skit will be called "Troubles of Their Own," and is said to be a clever one, and is sure to make good, considering the reputation they have already made. Andrew Tribble is said to be one of the best comedians in his line on the stage to-day, and the same can easily be applied to Mr. Allen. Tribble has always kept them laughing ever since he first put black grease paint on his face and donned petticoats in order that he might give you a true version of "Miss Lily White" in Cole and Johnson's "Shoo-Fly Regiment," and Irwin Allen has done likewise depicting the character of an old man in a way that caught most every one's admiration, because they are both true to human nature. Mrs. Tribbles is both amiable and beautiful on the stage, and should do much to make this act real attractive.

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BOSTON, Mass.—(Special.)—Bert A. Williams is here with his "Lode o' Koal" this week and next, and is at the Globe Theater.

John Rucker is at the Hathaway Theater, Brockton, Mass., by himself, making a big hit.

Harry A. Brown is here at the American, doing fine. He does not fail to get the applause at each performance.

The Georgia Campers are at the Hub, headed by Clarence Bowen, with nine assistants.

Wince De Honey, an old Indianapolis boy, is here, doing fine. He has lately taken charge of The Freeman, and will be pleased to have you call each week at 31 Dartmouth street, Gray's barber shop, Boston, Mass., and purchased a copy.

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Jackson, Richard
Kincaid, Nelson
McQuilty, Mose
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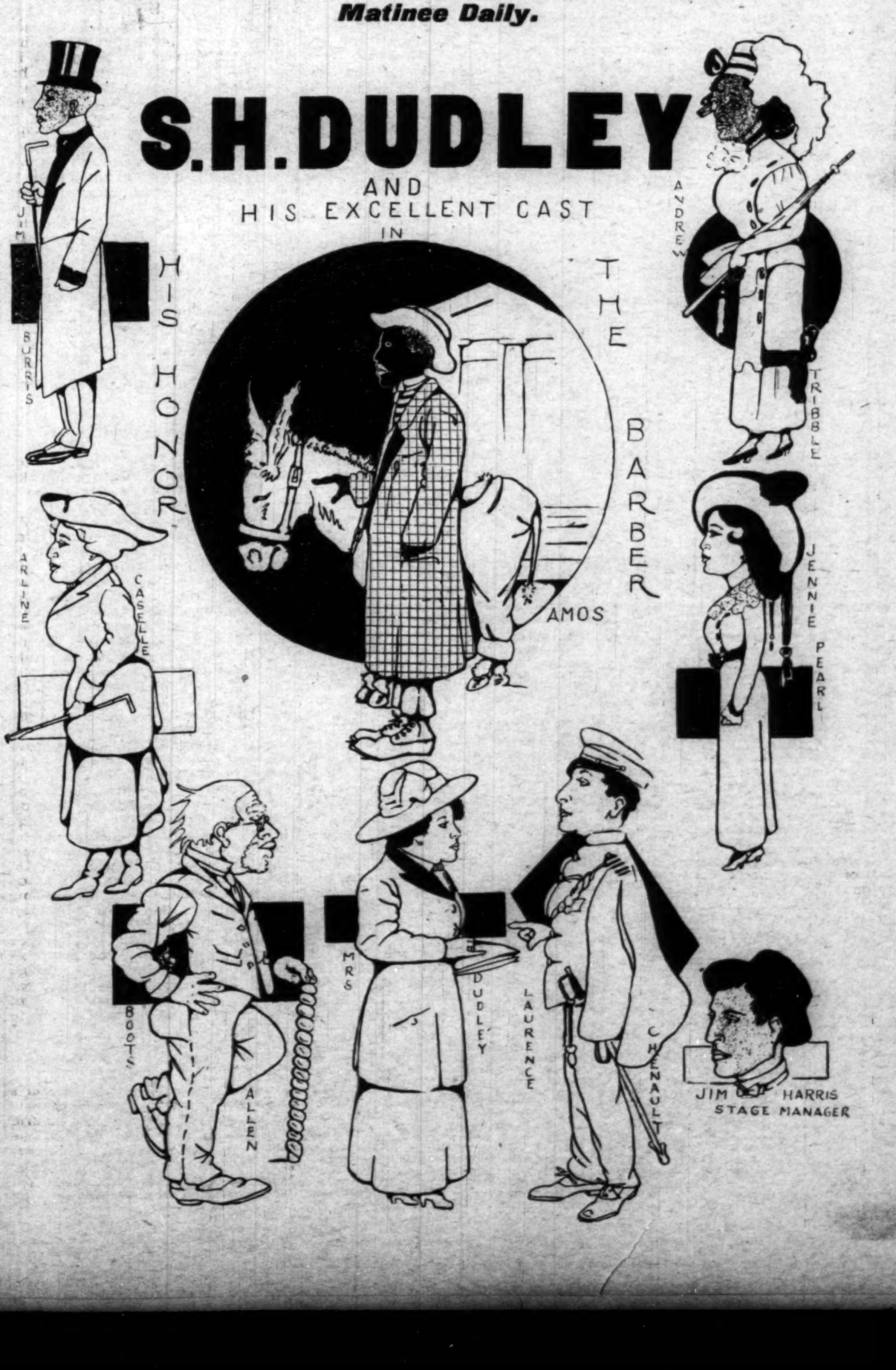

AFTER THOUGHTS OF THE WHITNEY SHOWS

How is Sparrow?

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"I'm nearer my home to-day."—H. T.

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I always did like that name May Belle.—H. T.

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Didn't we burn up money in New Orleans.—Chorus.

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All you've got to do is say hot cakes to me.—H. Tutt.

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Time ten minutes. "Full!" that is all. —W. A. Baynard.

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Everybody watch out for next season. That's all.—S. T. W.

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"Look out for me, I'm coming, too."—A hymn by Watterson.

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I'm back from Chicago, why can't you come to me now?—R. R. P.

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eYs, Billy Kersands and I were boys together.—A. L. Strander.

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Yes, I am a sister to Nida and I don't eat Kentucky oysters, either.

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I love my pipe, but, "oh, you Miss Mandy."—Salem T. Whitney.

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So far as haircuts are concerned, I am used to them.—T. L. Corwell.

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Uneasy is the head of the man who writes afterthoughts.—C. D. M.

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Wonder if any ladies are looking at me when I sing?—J. Weaver.

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"Hello, Kids," did you see them pants I had on Friday?—Hallie Dean.

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"Well, Marshall, I certainly paid you, or had it done."—Daisy Martin.

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Is there anything relative to the king of the forest and James Woodson.

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Thank you, my name is Mrs. Simms and I'm good looking and Sank knows it.

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I am going to employ a special postman for my extensive business.—Daisy Martin.

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We would rather see you than hear tell of you coming.—The Citizens of Indianapolis.

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I'm just like Colonel Watterson, of Kentucky to a fair you well. I like my mint. —H. W.

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The court house at Indianapolis cost —let me see—about $4,000,000,000,000.—Salem.

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Booker T. Washington may be an orator, but let Salem make the curtain speeches.

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Being an officer doesn't imply that I ever went with one anywhere.—Frank Jackson.

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Lady! When we start for down South, its mammer, come kiss yo' babe! Is Albert there?—Della.

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I'm a trap drummer and I never have much to say, myself, because I make my drum do the talking.

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Yes, I sometimes meet visitors, but what gets me, I haven't beat "the game" as yet.—Hallie Dean.

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I don't know; I may go home, but everybody wants me to "Keep on Smiling, Sue."—Daisy Martin.

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Can't a stage manager get even though by failing to furnish the stars with "props" at the proper time.—A. L .S.

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Somehow or other I like to hear the band play. Circuses! Why, they're the best thing yet.—Babe Brown.

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Don't you know that I think that I have such a poor appetite. Give me some more pie, please!—May Belle Brown.

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Sherlock Holmes has not got a thing on me, although I don't remember names in my business.—L. Lewis.

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I certainly know how to get a cup of coffee when I want it, and I am peculiar who I take up with.—Nina Marshall.

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Sank Simms likes the tramp life a very little; he would rather wear a green hat and do a monologue than eat prunes.

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I can't remember when my hair wore off in such a manner, but I've got one in the family that is making up for it.—W. A. Baynard.

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I want to know what you all were doing clustered up in the hall and seemingly not a shirt about. Just a stag. What say you, Lindsey?

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If I had all the medals that I have won playing "Yankee Doodle," I could start me a medal factory and shine.—W. A. Baynard.

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Did you ever see anybody my size that couldn't sing any way? You see, I've lived among the nightinggales so long that I've caught onto their ways of reaching notes. —J. Woodson.

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W. H. Wooten says he finds pleasure in caring for the ladies. He has advertised for the man who has his face on Grandpa's Soap, so as to get the frog out of his throat.

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Miss Mabel DeHearde is one of the best chorus ladies in the business. She retires at 6:30 on—well, she has not given us any authority to publish on just what night. But anyhow, she always manages to make good.

Miss Della Dennings, a very popular actress in this company, thinks the drill in "The Star of Zanzibar" one of the best things for exercise that there is. She says you become so nimble, and likewise healthy, that you always want to continue working. Also she is the only faddist in the company. Every town they get to she takes out her book and pencil and writes the addresses of the leading young men of the city and tells them to write her per route.

THE WHITNEY MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

Its People and Their Success Through the North.

Some few days ago I journeyed down to old Vincennes (Ind.) for the pleasure of seeing the Whitney Musical Comedy Company in a repertoire of original musical comedy plays, comprising "The Ruler of the Town," "The Ex-President of Liberia" and "The Star of Zanzibar." The company was billed for a three days' engagement, but, having an open date, Manager Moore, who had seen the show, hastened to take advantage of "such a good thing" by securing the company a day ahead without a single line of advertisement. The lightning transaction proved a lucky one, for the house was well filled that night, despite its being unannounced previously. From that initial performance everything was easy sailing, for all the advertisement obtainable otherwise could not have done one whit better. It seemed, too, that the hoodoo that had been upon the heads of the Whitney Musical Comedy Company had been lifted, after many weeks of poor door receipts and disappointments on every hand conceivable. The people of the town and many neighboring villages seemed to fairly leave their homes to extend hospitality to Messrs. Whitney, Corwell and Tutt, and in return they smiled and only sighed for lodging houses that were nearer at hand than the ones they had.

The newspapers knew they were in town, and did honors the day following. The Vincennes Capital, one of the best papers in that city, had the following to say:

"Last evening at the Grand an audience that was limited only by the capacity of the theater witnessed the second performance of "The Ruler of the Town," presented by the Whitney Musical Comedy Company. This extremely clever aggregation of colored comedians, singers and dancers have made a hit locally that will undoubtedly cause the Grand to be packed to-night and to-morrow night, on which evenings "The Star of Zanzibar" and "Ex-President of Liberia" will be offered. The latter bill will be the matinee offering to-morrow, as well as the evening performance. It is said that in to-night's bill, "The Star of Zanzibar," that clever pair of comedians, Homer Tutt and Salem Whitney, appear at their best. Tutt, with his active manner and flashy clothes, and Whitney, in his easy droll comedy, make a pair that can produce more laughter to the minute than any two comedians ever seen on the local stage. That dainty soubrette, Miss Daisy Martin, at last evening's show established herself a greater favorite than ever. Her big song hit "Smile On, Sue" was received even more enthusiastically than on Wednesday night, and the crowd left whistling this popular number. The only criticism that can be offered regarding her work is that she is not seen on the stage enough during the performance."

When I had been shown my seat on the first night, which was far in front in the balcony, that I received through the courtesies of Mr. T. L. Corwell, the sagacious business manager of the company, my eyes saw a goodly crowded house, and in the orchestra pit sat a Negro in the leader's chair, with baton raised, ready for the first ensemble in "The Ruler of the Town." It was no other than Henry Watterson, who reminded me of James Reese Europe. The curtain arose, and the prettiest song-singing chorus it has ever been my pleasure to hear went through what I thought was the nearest approach to New York grand opera I had ever heard. When they had done the applause was deafening. You never saw a more beautiful set of girls in all your days, and there was not very many of them, but they could sing because they came direct from the Southland and its musical institutions, and you know what that means. Some of them may have not been born there, but they must have been there long enough to catch the song of the nightingale, and now they were echoing his sweetest notes. I thought they were pretty, because they were natural looking, for they had left off a whole box of rouge and paint, that most chorus ladies think they should wear on their face to make them look like what they ain't. Every mother's child in that chorus was vivacious every moment of their time on the stage, and that worked marvelous results in the way of entertainment. It made the audience happy and really in the mood to receive all the Whitney Musical Comedy Company could offer. There were men, of course, who did not look like they had been carrying brick, but walked erect, and sang, I say. You might have heard good bass voices, but nothing like Mr. James Woodson, who reminds one of the lost chord found or the lowest note on any pipe organ. He is not gruff, either, but rather sings a "low down" mellow bass.

When Salem Tutt Whitney came on, portraying the leading comedy role, I fairly leaped in my seat in surprise, unlike others, as I had never seen him do a comedy part before, and so I feared for him. But soon I settled down in my seat, filled with the inspired belief that he was the most natural born comedian I had ever seen. I saw a little resemblance of McIntosh, Hogan and Dudley in his every move, but there was enough Whitney to distinguish him, and therefore pronounce him a real comedy artist. He appears to be not overweighted at any time, but rather holds you to him and fills you brimming full of tickles, and has a good time himself, just as other comedians do in the big Broadway productions. Mr. Whitney shows you that he has had the necessary experience of the stage business in its many ways to know every detail that will bring about success as a performer. So well does his knowledge run in that line that, as a producer and a real original playwright of the first water, he would prove even greater than he is as a legitimate star. You should read over his manuscripts or watch him in a rehearsal or notice him, keenly, tell the orchestra leader "how it goes," and then draw your own conclusions. But it cannot be said, strictly, that he is not a performer, for he shows marked talent at all times. He knows Negro dialect in its happiest, truest type, and unlike most comedians he can sing. It is glorious to hear him render "Dat's Sufficiency" and "I Ain't Goin' to Let Nobody Make a Fool Out of Me." Although they are comic songs, somehow he sings them in a classic baritone voice. Whitney has learned to dance, and he has not quit learning. It is surely grotesque, and you cannot help laughing, "Ladies an' Gimmen's." In his scenes with J. Homer Tutt, who makes a clever straight comedian, he does not need much, if any, aid to produce comedy at any moment, though Tutt makes a strong foil. Right here it might be said that Mr. Whitney has written the three plays mentioned in such a manner as to not cause a dull moment in any portion of a performance, but to rather have it so that every line stands out by itself and is decidedly important. He depends solely on originality and his talents in his efforts, and sticks to it, thereby bringing about ready wit and humor to make the public pleased and happy. Like all musical comedies, I found little or no plot, but at all times funny situations that were really, positively new and novel to the Negro stage world. Of course, we cannot get away completetly from the old tradition, for the "chicken, watermelon and 'possum" are in vogue, and it will be many moons before we can remove those features. Nowadays about every performer who cannot write his name will tell you he is a producer, song writer, playwright, vocalist, and what not, but Whitney has had the benefit of the schools and colleges, and, best of all, the talented head, and the passing of a season will prove it.

Mr. J. Homer Tutt, the man with an established tailor shop wardrobe, so impressed me as a straight comedian that I readily stamped him as the actor, found at last, destined to wear the shoes of the once litheful George W. Walker. In his scenes, which never sprawl and never fail of purpose, his characterizations and dialogues sparkle and glow at his every turn. He may be a little stiff as yet, but he has acquired a great deal of animation that will always win. He does not care to imitate Mr. Walker, and he does everything to prohibit it, but he must strut in a fashionable way when he sings "Struttin' Sam," and he must change in silk attire very often, because the character calls for it. How he did excite dear old Vincennes when he glided acros sthe stage, singing, with a bevy of handsome girls at his heels. I do not think that his voice has come into its own as yet, for it seems rather weak in places, but it is possible that it was due to some throat affection. His gestures, when singing "Smile On, Sue," in the duo with Miss Martin, cannot be improved upon, and you have a fine stage picture when the spotlight is turned on. You can hear what he says, and what he says is in accord with the scholarly or dandy gentleman that he delineates. Mr. Tutt is sure to become well known in the music world also, as many of the popular songs are from his pen, that are used in this company.

There is a leading lady in this company that is going to make the "grand old stroll" and "Dehomey" sit up and take notice. She will certainly cause one to remember pretty Marion Smart-Moore, of "Making Eyes" fame, when this lady sings "Smile on, Sue," assisted by Homer Tutte and a double quartette. Miss Daisy Peters Martin, styled as "the bronze edition of Eva Tanguay," appears to be that person, for she has that magnetism that at once captivates the audience and puts them in a spell that is cheerful the entire time she is on the stage. I find her very nimble when taking up her choruses—at times when a large number of our leading lights would be posing, which is undesirable in any show. Miss Martin, I would have it known, is new to the stage world, and yet she seems so strikingly marvelous in her knowledge of the Thespian art in so short a time, and makes me wonder as to where she will stop. She is so agile, chipper, engaging in her lines, that you are at once charmed. Her tone of voice in speaking parts has not reached perfection. but she has the action, gestures and the smile, and that's 50 per cent. of the battle won. Mr. Whitney knows how to pick them out. He found a jewel.

There are so many good things that could be said about such people as W. A. Baynard, Frank Jackson, Sank Simms, James Woodson, Lindsay Lewis, the Misses Babe Brown, Ethel Marshall, Hallie Dean, May Bell Brown, Della Dennings, Mabel DeHearde, Nida Marshall, Blanche Simms, Georgia Davis, H. S. Wooten, James Weaver and Al Strander, that it would take many pages of a large book before I could complete my story on the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, but from time to time will write many pleasant memories of each and all.

What struck me more forcibly in this show than anything else was the number of persons who are gifted in musical lines. They don't get any better than Mr. T. L. Corwell, who seems to have sacrificed everything to make the Whitney shows a success. He has written some highly colored operatic choruses, and they cannot help but take well when sung correctly. It is possible for a man of his ability to get music out of anything. He can use a minor chord with such telling effect that it is bound to take hold on your finer feelings, and yet he is a sagacious business man as well as composer of much renown. Then there are Mr. and Mrs. William Baynard, who know all about pianos, cornets and banjoes, Mrs. Baynard being an exceptionally good soloist on the banjo. Mr. Baynard does some clever performing on the piano and a bit of composing. Mr. Henry Watterson does honors at the piano as leader, and is a rare melodist. Messrs. Tutt Whitney and Tutt are lyrists and "tune finders" with an enviable reputation. Taking these persons all in all, and you've got an excellent pick for composing real music.

There are many things one might say that is of a peculiar interest to the admirer of theatrical doings, when it comes to the Whitney Stock Company. First, they are all a loving set, who have stuck together amid hardships of all kinds, and it takes Mr. T. L. Corwell, the business manager, Salem Tutt Whitney and J. Homer Tutt to tell you about it. While out in the far West they stood many chances of being mobbed, and in many towns they were not allowed to show, making it possible for "all to be going out, and nothing coming in." When their hopes were high an owner left them, taking funds, and with Corwell, Whitney and Tutt at the head, they went on, making poor houses, with every member detetrmined to stick until the path of roses was struck, even though they went for weeks without a salary, knowing the ability as well as the straightforwardness of the men heading the aggregation. Now the sea is calm once again and everybody is happy. You never heard thirty people sing like the Whitney Musical Comedy Company did in Vincennes, and as I listened the thought arose in me that perhaps it was due to the sunlight that was again returning. But you have but a little while to wait, perhaps, when you will not only see the rays of the sun shining on the Whitney Musical Comedy Company, but the moon, stars and all that is glorious shall shine upon this valiant thirty true blues in the future. Cigars!

J. HOMER TUTT AND S. TUTT WHITNEY.

"DELLAH."

(To Miss Della Dennings, of the Whitney Comedy Company.)

Does yo' know ma Dellah deah?
Git er way, man, git er way!
Tweetes' name I ebber heah,
Git er way, man, git er way!
Lawdy! but she sho' is gran'!
Lobblies' chile dat's in de lan',
An' I'se a-callin' her lil' lam'—
Git er way, man, git er way!

Yo' says she's got er nother beau?
Git er way, man, git er way!
No, sah! I cain't b'lieve hit's so—
Git er way, man, git er way!
Ef yo' could see des what ah see,
You'd be certain ez could be
Dat dey ain't no one else 'sides me—
Git er way, man, git er way!

Lawdy! but her mouf am sweet!
Git er way, man, git er way!
Des to kiss her am a treat!
Git er way, man, git er way!
Mouf lak sugah all de time
Des a-meltin' right in mine,
Mek. yo' feel so mighty fine—
Git er way, man, git er way!

Who cain't trust her out o' sight?
Why, git er way, man, git er way!
What yo' sayin'—she ain't right?
Run er long, man, run er long!
So she love dem all de same
Ain't no man dat's got any claim—
Look heah! don't yo' call huh name,
But come here, man, come here!

FLUCTUATION OF THE FROGS.

By Sylvester Russell.

There was a wave of public joy that swept over the mountain tops into the valley of sighs when the "Frogs," a most exclusive colored actors' society, was socially organized, and, after a setback by the courts, was given a charter of incorporation a little more than two years ago. Bert A. Williams, the actor, and a prime mover of the organization, struck a very blunt stump of moral philosophy when he told the writer of the policies of the Frogs, as a "jolly," ahead of its organization. Their main effort has been to have a select social actors' club, where certain actors can rest and recline in the reservation of preferential lineage. To review such an object with a far-seeing eye would be to retort in the absence of their creed to establish a legal claim to be supported by the fantsy of public charity and unjustified.

There is no knowing as yet what allegory they may invent to shift aside their burden of an opened secret of financial thrift; their frolics are beginning to have scattering features, and their latest acquisitn of electing members of high standing outside of theatrical life to join in with them is at least, to say adversedly, of notable significance. Frogs, you know, are very rare birds that can leap high, even if the land into the gullet; ;but if in the pressure of resources they can duck in the water and come out clean and unadulterated of the taint that besmirches gorillous hypocrisy, they are doing well. Vexatious as it may seem, this argument is imbued with all the substance of evil's victor, good. The great body of colored actors cannot and will not be able to draw conclusions from the early work of a limited number of actors who have incorporated for the benefit of advancing their own social ruddigory. Their burden would no doubt have been lighter if their aim for pleasure had not been initially by charity, in the reflection of the source in which they had to spend their first money.

The recent announcement that Hon. Emmett J. Scott, Commissioner to Liberia, and James W. Johnson, United States Consul to Nicaraugua, have recently been taken in as members is most unique, as they put it in New York by stating that the Frogs are destined to be "most unique."

Nobody knows what the Frogs stand for. They have as yet no house or home. All we hear is news of no importance. The most important fiction in order is its exclusiveness; and the blood-rare or greatest achievement of actordom is that they went outside of the ranks of actors to haul in two classy politicians to swell the anthem and join in the song of an organization which cannot now claim its dramatic-professional distinction of exclusiveness by soliciting and taking in politicians. But the actors have the best of it socially. The taking into membership of Messrs. Scott and Johnson places them as under dogs to actors in high circles, in a club supported by public summer cotillion dances or midnight sprees where mixed crowds of sporting people assemble to drink and carouse. They also give a free membership to a dramatic writer who has to do their bidding as a club that has openly given out that it would not admit certain professional people to its ranks. The very fact that it boasts on drawing the line with actors, a thing which should never have been asserted, shows clearly of what I have extracted from former personal interviewers. James W. Johnson, once upon a time, took pleasure to inform the writer that he was not an actor, when I approached him on the subject of investing a little money in the publication of a proposed actors' history. Now in return he has upset his dignity to become a members of an actors' club of exquisite taste. And to add to the misery of it all Emmett J. Scott has allowed himself to be dragged into it with Johnson, and as a social honor that has been erased. The recent incidental happening in Chicago which caused Bert A. Williams to be turned down with the Goats, which were ostracized from the Pekin Theater by Manager Robert T. Motts, is but a brief example of what the destiny of man prescribes. It is well that it was thus, that in the moral it can be shown that Mr. Motts, who, as first owner of a real legitimate colored theater, should have been slated for membership. We welcome the Frogs, however, as a neat young thriving aristocratic actor society, which ought to be self-supportant. We admire their high aim, if not the substance of their foundation.

It is too early to prophesy what they will do; whatever they do should be well done and meet with the applause of public approval because of the notorious happenings which have brought the name of "Frogs" up to more than a frolicsome issue. Occasional theater benefits, where there is no drink or dancing, are the kind of entertainments to support private actor clubs as a total subsistence or by private subscriptions from its members. The question now is whether the Frogs are for the sake of social advancement or charity or for both. When the Frogs fully answer this question then we will be able to determine upon their mission on earth and the future of their happiness.

It would be somewhat inglorious for the Frogs to give public summer cotillions to support a small social band of specially selected successful actors, except for actual charity, and from the support of a race of people who need the same amount of support for other various charitable institutions and have accepted of it from other sources than that of drinking beer and dancing.

In submitting the choice list of membership we may group them as follows: Consul James W. Johnson, Nicaraugua; Commissioner Emmett J. Scott, Africa; Captain W. H. Jackson and John Nail, Jr., New York; Dr. Algernon B. Jackson, Philadelphia—all actor worshippers. Bert A. Williams, Bob Cole, George W. Walker, J. Rosamond Johnson, Jesse A. Shipp, Tom Brown, George Archer, Sam Lucus, James R. Europe, Arthur Talbot, James Lightfoot, Sam Corker, Jr., Alex. Rogers, R. T. McPherson and Lester Walton—hard quill driver.

FIRST FIND OUT IF YOU ARE AN ARTIST

Sure Enough Before Going on the Stage.

By Jos. Simms, Eccentric Monologist.

A heart to heart talk with my colored brothers and sisters who claim the rights of professional actors and actresses in Chicago and elsewhere.

Men and Boys—Clause (1), Section (1), Article (0)—You work amateure nights until you see a phrenologist. Then find out if you are insane or have a stage craze before asking a booking agent for work. You are hurting your brother actor by continuing to be canceled in these 5 and 10-cent odians.

Clause 2, Section 2, Article 1—Don't carry a title you know nothing of just for the name; you must require a certain amount of respect for yourself, as to others. Can you dance and sing, or you just keep time with the music and do two steps ten times and hollow as though you are calling cows? Remember you can't fool all the people all the time.

Clause 3, Section 3, Article2—No illiterate man can properly do a monologue unless he is funny and full of mother-wit, and every man does not possess mother-wit. You must have a subject or there's no sentance—don't forget that as its importance is noticable.

Clause 4, Section 4, Article 3—For heaven's sake don't steal from amateurs or people who are no better than you simply because the joke seems funny to you. Don't get drunk on a job no matter who you are working for—be a man!

I would not write these articles, but I have had so many managers to cancel colored acts, in such a rude way, in my presents. Not long ago a manager said to me: "Simms, where do the agents get so many game people from?" What could I say? In my line of work there are a few monologists, some are good, some are not, but as for myself I make a study of my profession and have since childhood days. Not long ago I found the secret of my profession towards success; that was, to write a new line of talk just so often as is required. I now have five different lines of talk, in other words, five subjects to talk from. (1) "The Black Po-litt-e-kin." (2) "In Socity." (3) "A Real Sport." (4) "Pa-Pa's Advice." (5) "My Journey to North Pole." I am now busy with another, namely, "A Woman's Rights."

My songs all correspond with each subject. I have not worked any place as yet where the manager does not want me back again. You can not do the same line of talk in all places, as you must work according to your audience—that's the key to success. I have lost but three weeks in the past year, and that time was on my own account. I guess that's fair for a single man.

By request I will present the following song hit, "A Real Sport," third act, subject 1: "I Wonder Why?"

They tell us that James Jeffries wants all colored people there—I wonder why?
They say the angles all are white and got long golden hair. I wonder why?
If this is proven to be a fact there's no place for us black folks to go—
They do not allow us up above, we must go down below;
They say that high yellow folks has got a possible show—I wonder why.

They tell that James Jeffries wants all the purse to fight. I wonder why?
And still he claimes the championship belongs to a man that white. I wonder why?
Now there's our friend Jack Johnson, crying with tears in his eyes,
And says I just want to meet Jim Jeffries just once before I die—
I want to lay this African soup-bone between his two white eyes—I wonder why?

Chorus—
I wonder why? I wonder why? they blackball the black from earth up to the sky|
It's been proven to be a fact there's no way to down the black, dat aint no lie, you all know why.

Best regards to friends and knockers in and out of the profession.

VIRGINIA'S FAIR RECORD.

State Auditor's Report Shows Happy Conditions—No Lynchings in 1909.

While some of our editorial brethren are opposed to the constant recital of statistics showing the progress of the race in business, property holding and the professions, there are some facts along these lines in our possession which we believe it to be our duty to inform the public of. For instance, the report of the auditor of public accounts at Richmond, Va., recently published, says:

Negroes in Virginia own $13,500,000 in personal and real property. Richmond comes first in this estimate, Norfolk second and Petersburg third.

Norfolk county leads the counties, the next four in order being Halifax, Southampton, Mecklenburg and Brunswich. Buchanan and Dickinson counties are shown by the latest census to have practically no Negro population, a most unusual condition. There are eight banks in the State owned by our people and five insurance companies.

There was not a single lynching in Virginia in 1909. Virginia is said to be the only Southern State that can boast this condition.

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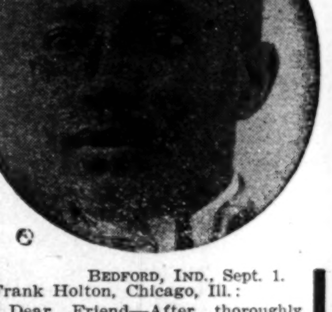

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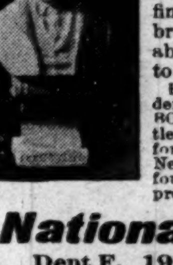

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS.

Think of the Young Men's Christian Association barring Abe Attell.

Society Notes—Mr. Battling Nelson is engaged. Mr. Arthur Johnson is out of jail.

If it is true that John L. Sullivan is to marry, it is not strange that he should do all that talking now.

Ketchel, who declined to meet three men in Australia for $40,000, certainly could not have been objecting to the size of the purse.

Whether it is Salt Lake or Frisco a lot of physicians will be kept busy prescribing Western climate for wealthy sportloving patients next summer.

And then, too, possibly the only sure way to save Johnson for Jeff would be to lock him up and throw the key away until time to call the principals together.

Johnson was forced to cut short his Young Men's Christian Association address and hurry to police court to answer a charge of felonious assault, the outgrowth of a drunken brawl. He has versatility, all right.

Jack Johnson's statement in an address to a colored Young Men's Christian Association audience that he does not animadvert shows that he is entering the English class of Sam Langford, who said a recent opponent, was standing on the brink of an abcess.

JOHNSON ENGAGES J. WALCOTT.

Joe Walcott has been engaged by Jack Johnson as one of his trainers until after his fight with Jeffries.

YOUNG JACK WANTS MATCH.

Young Jack Johnson, of Boston, Mass., would like to get on with some good fighter out West, barring nobody at 145 pounds.

WALCOTT'S BROTHER WINS.

Chester Walcott, Joe's young brother, started last Tuesday night at the American Club, Boston, Mass., and knocked out Owen Moran's partner in three rounds.

THE BIG SPORTING EDITION.

You should not forget the special sporting edition which is to be issued on April 2. Every ball club and individual star will have a photo and writeup in these columns. Write for further information concerning it.

PITCHER WANTS A JOB.

Mr. Norman Williams, of 313 Twelfth avenue, South, Minneapolis, would like to get a position on some good team as a pitcher. Mr. Williams is 28 years old and has plenty of experience.

MINNEAPOLIS AFTER MERIDA.

The Minneapolis Colored Keystone Base Ball Club will have a complete star line-up the minute Merida of the Indianapolis A. B. C. team can be secured. Mr. K. P. Mitchell, manager of the team, is hot on the trail for Merida and it is believed that the great player will sign.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FIGHT?

That Is What Everybody Will Ask.

The Freeman wants you to write and tell us who you think will win the Johnson-Jeffries fight and why, and for what reasons will the man you name win. Everybody is invited to send in their view to the sporting editor of The Freeman and they will be published each week.

DATE FOR SPECIAL ISSUE.

The date of the special sporting number of The Indianapolis Freeman will be April 2. Now is the time to write us concerning write-ups, advertisements and other things in the question of sport. There will be articles on sport by some of the most popular and able writers in the country.

LELAND GIANTS DEFEAT ROYAL GIANTS.

Rube Foster Pitches His Way On to Victory.

Special to The Freeman.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 4.—In one of the strongest games played here so far this season, the Leland Giants met and defeated the Brooklyn Royal Giants in their opening game by a score of 4 to 1. The indomitable Rube Foster was in the box and pitched in his old-time form and easily let them down to three hits, the Lelands getting eleven.

The batteries were: Foster and Booker for the Lelands and Earle and Petway for the Royal Giants.

The Royals brought the team intact. Pryor, Hutchinson and Hickman, the new men on the Lelands, are great.

KETCHEL IS DUCKING LANGFORD

Sam Is the Real Champion of the Middleweights.

Stanley Ketchel still owns the middleweight title. His defeat at the hands of Johnson did not rob the gallant 158-pounder of this honor. That Ketchel has been very cautious whenever Sam Langford was in the neighborhood has long been a matter of popular discussion. Langford is looked upon by many fight critics as being the real middleweight champion of the world. Ketchel is sincere in disputing this, but Steve is careful, very careful not to sign up with Langford. A Ketchel-Langford battle for the world's middleweight championship would rank second only in importance to the Jeffries-Johnson fight. Langford is more than willing. Ketchel will not talk business.

TOMMY BURNS VS. JEANETTE.

Thirty-Round Fight in Paris Said to be Almost Certain.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—It is almost certain now that Tommy Burns, the former heavyweight champion, will engage in a thirty-round fight with Joe Jeanette, the Negro heavyweight, at the Cirque de Paris, the big fight club of Paris, the latter part of March.

In a letter received from Dan McKittrick by Jimmy Johnson today he says that Victor Bryer, manager of the club, cabled Burns, who is in Australia, asking him what amount he would want to fight Jeanette and that Burns answered that he would accept $7,500 and expenses for his end.

Breyer has cabled Burns accepting his terms and asking him to start for Paris as soon as possible.

SPORTSMAN JACK NAIL RETIRES.

Receives Big Sum for Big Business House.

Jack Nail of Nail Brothers, 461 Sixth avenue, New York, retired from business several days ago by selling his saloon and hotel for the handsome sum of $155,500. Mr. Nail is perhaps the richest colored man in all New York, his fortune being estimated at about $300,000.

Twenty-seven years ago two youths, Jack and Eddie Nail, were employed as attendants in a sporting establishment in Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, then much patronized by senators, representatives and others in authority. The two boys saved a little money, staked it on a turn of the wheel and won. They started a restaurant business in Washington, but after several months decided to try their luck in New York. They sold out, came to New York and purchased a saloon at 450 Sixth avenue. They prospered from the first because it became known their motto was "Nothing crooked." After a career of fourteen years at the above number the Nails moved to a more commodious establishment at 461 Sixth avenue. Dick Croker was a frequent visitor in this place. Men prominent in the sporting world who visited it included Peter Jackson, George Dixon, Joe Gans and Joe Walcott, pugilists, and Isaac Murphy and Frank Craig, jockeys. Jack Nail was a leader of the colored Democrats in New York City for years. He founded the Parqueto Political Club and acted as its chief when he was leader of the Twenty-fifth assembly district. Eddie Nail died several years ago.

NOTES ON THE GAME.

By DAVID WYATT.

We are anxious to hear of the doings of the great rivals, Mr. Ball and Mr. Foster, and don't forget Dougherty and Wickware.

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Pangburn, the southpaw pitcher, is all broke up over the town (?) of Buxton, Ia. Town is a queer name for girl. He has gone there to winter.

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The hotels here are filling up rapidly. The Arlington has about 365 guests now and the Park is running to a good house. The big one, the Eastman, opens Feb. 1.

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The query of The Freeman editor seems to be a stunner for the boys. I will make it more complicated by saying that this play is perfectly plausible. Now figure out the same play without an assist but having one putout.

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If the Leland Giants' trip South palms out as scheduled it will show good judgment on the part of Foster. At that time all big league clubs will be homeward bound and in the North an earlier schedule would throw them in direct contact with the big fellows.

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Some well-known players who have played with the Arlingtons of this city are: Campbell of the Minneapolis Keystones, Miliner of the Gophers, "Herm" Evans, catcher once with the Philadelphia Giants; Rube Foster, Dave Wyatt, Julian Ware. This club has defeated Gatewood, "Dago" Davis, Foster.

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It is not generally known, but anyhow Hot Springs had at one time one of the greatest colored baseball teams in the country. They speak with much pride of the games in which they defeated the famous Rube Foster. They have won above three or four games from Rube Foster, one a 17-inning affair and a 1 to 0 game.

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The baseball fans of this city are going to make an effort to have Rube Foster and his aggregation stop off here for three or four games on his trip. This is a good baseball town and about the first or second week in April would be a good time for Rube and his ball tossers to fill the park here, as the hotels will be running short time then. The same holds good for the new club, the Chicago Giants. They have the privilege of Sunday games here also.

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Yours truly has been in Hot Springs about a week now and am enjoying the fine spring-like weather, also the baths. I was glad to note that two persons were sitting on a corner and basking in the hot sun and having copies of The Freeman before them. Upon inquiring I learned that the people were enthusiastic over the paper, but quite a number did not know where it could be found. I got wise to the place and found the paper all spread out in full bloom.

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The people of Hot Springs are away up on baseball, this being the training grounds of three big league clubs and a few hundred other players. During the latter part of March the weather is fine for baseball and the country is surrounded with numerous mountains; these are utilized for climbing purposes and serves as a great method of flesh reducing. It is not generally understood, but the hot water is not a reducer. The vapor and the hot rooms have been brought into play, but nevertheless you have got to take to the hills, after which you come back for the sweating process and that is the secret of the great popularity of the Springs as a training ground.

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Our Eastern correspondent should not be in the least peeked over Mr. James Smith's polite analysis of his reasonings. All are liable to make mistakes. If our Eastern friend did not know that Mr. Smith was one of our greatest baseball players, he should have welcomed the fact when placed before him. All writers should seek much of that of which they know but little of. Mr. Smith is one of the few students of baseball of our race, being born and reared in Chicago. He has played with and against, while a mere lad with over a half dozen players who are now stars in the big leagues, namely Schaffer, Moriarity brothers, Brashaw brothers, O'Leary and others. Harris, the great second baseman and field general, acquired the rudiments of his knowledge while with a club of which Smith was captain. Jimmie was a great punter and a rattling good batter, also a fine base runner. The game at present is sadly in need of intelligent men on bases, such as Smith, Patterson, Taylor and others, all of whom were inventors of ideas. All these men have good positions now and are out of baseball. Smith is a mail carrier, Patterson a policeman, and Taylor has charge of a cafe in Chicago.

308 Church St., Hot Springs, Ark.

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Hot Springs has developed some great athletes who were native sons. John Haynes (Klondike), who has the credit of putting one over on Johnson, is a native; Rector, the great 100-yard sprinter, lives here; Julian Ware, perhaps the most intelligent and all-round athlete among our race, lived here. Ware was captain of the baseball team and was a member of the football team of the University of Wisconsin. After he graduated he managed clubs in the copper country league for several years. Ware was a good boxer and of ideal build. He was also a pitcher and first baseman. He now has a position in Chicago which pays him $150 per month. Gabbin Miliner, the fleet-footed outfielder of the St. Paul Gophers, lives here and is now employed at the Southern Club. Miliner is the speed marvel of baseball. I have seen Cobb, Baif, Speaker and Keeler, but this lad has got 'em all tied to a post when it comes to getting down to first base. All players who know him are aware that he will take second or any kind of an infield muff; still none have ever caught him as yet. Miliner was three seasons with the Royal Giants and then with the Chicago Union Giants and one year with the St. Paul Gophers. He is just as fast as ever and his speed and hitting helped to put a crimp in the Lelands last year. I would like to know why such a man is overlooked in Chicago when there are at least five outfielders with bum legs, still they are all signed.

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About thirteen years ago the writer landed in this little burg and noticing some boys with uniforms on I asked for a chance to "butt in" on the practice. I made a hit with the gang and became a member of the baseball team, known then as the Arlingtons. We had some warm contests, usually winning. Mr. Al Holden, formerly an old minstrel man from up around Boston, was head waiter at the Arlington at that time and as he had a sufficient supply of this world's goods he was picked as the real "angel" to back the club. We were in a strained condition owing to the location of the Springs, which made opponents for us hard to get, so we organized a league of the following cities: Hot Springs, Little Rock, Memphis, Birmingham and Pensacola. The season opened in Hot Springs, our opponents being Little Rock, who to our surprise had covered the distance of 64 miles between here and Little Rock in a wagon. I thought if this was going to be a wagon-road league we would have to have a lightning calculator to get up our schedule for us. Hot Springs started on the first swing around the circuit, playing four games in Little Rock, four at Memphis and seven at Birmingham. The attendance in all cities was good. Of course there were separate grandstands in all places for white and colored spectators—strange to me, but the whites were in the majority at all times and were greatly interested in our players. In getting up this league we had overlooked the mileage end of the "biz" and it later proved too much for us; we had one jump of about 300 miles, one 250, one 210, and 60 was the smallest. We finished the series with the Birminghams and disbanded.

USES JEFFRIES FOR SUBJECT.

Pittsburg Pastor Fears Boiler Maker, Like Samson, Can Not "Return."

PITTSBURG, Jan. 24.—The Rev. Dr. O. M. Boughton, pastor of the Jacobs Street Methodist Protestant Church, the most fashionable and aristocratic in Kittanning, meandered away from theology last night and catered to the prize ring when he delivered a sermon on "Can Jeffries Come Back?" The Rev. Mr. Boughton pointed to the grievous errors men make by becoming passive and thus jeopardizing positions in the world they have acquired by hard work and application. He continued:

"Jeffries persevered as a pugilist until he became the champion of the world, which title he won fairly and honestly, as he was in a class by himself. Then, like Samson, who succumbed to the artful wiles and beauty of Delilah, this powerful man threw away his strength. When he awakes properly it will be to find a black man battling hard with him for the honor he has held, and it is doubtful if this once great man will be able to again foster the power he once controlled and which made him the Samson of his time.

"In any case he will have to battle mightily to regain the ground that he has lost, and I am a firm believer in biblical history and liken Jeffries unto Samson in a great many respects. I should like to see history in this particular instance reversed, but it is doubtful, very doubtful, if such will be the case."

The sermon, which was principally for men, has caused a great deal of comment, but no adverse criticism in spite of the fact that it is the first time a live sporting topic was ever taken for a theme in this diocese.

KID WHITE RETURNS TO RING.

Kid White, one of the best known lightweight boxers in the country, of Pittsburg, Pa., has started into training after three months of quiet and rest. The Kid is looking fine and is showing some unusual scientific steps in the pugilistic art. His wind being at the highest physical mark makes his condition par excellent. White has picked up some very clever foot work and critics are making much ado about it. The Kid is anxious to meet any 135-pounder in the country before any club offering a reasonable purse. Pittsburgers are wishing that someone would accept his challenge in order doing during his long retirement. Some that they may see what the Kid has been say he cannot make it; others say he can. His address is 1400 Wylie avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

KNOCKOUTS ARE LANDED AT OLD CITY HALL SHOW

Crouse and Connors Put Their Opponents to Sleep in Short Order.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 25.—Old City Hall was the scene of another classy boxing show last night and a crowd estimated at 1,000 witnessed four good mills. The main bout, which brought together Frank Moran of the Northside and Thunderbolt Ed Smith, a Negro, of Columbus, O., did not compare with the other three mills on the program, but at that it proved a treat to the spectators. The local boy did most of the fighting and had a shade at the end of the contest. His inability to follow up advantages which were popping up about every minute was the only reason he did not beat the colored man. Smith covered at every opportunity, but when he did open up he sailed into Moran and landed heavily. He was many inches shorter than Moran and had little trouble in getting out of reach of his blows. Every round was about even, Moran having the best of the first part and the Ohio boxer the rest of the period.

The other three goes, however, were hummers, two of them failing to last the scheduled six rounds. Battling Connors slammed away at Kid Steptoe until he finally caught him on the jaw in the third round, the result being that the colored boy had to be carried to his corner and revived. Connors fought well, but his anxiety to finish his opponent quickly was the only reason three rounds were required. Two should have proved sufficient.

Buck Crouse, the Northside boy who has been displaying such great form lately, stacked up against Frank Walling of the Southside. Crouse commenced jabbing Walling with his left until it got tiresome and then banged over a short right hook, which caught the Southsider on the jaw, dropping him like a log. It happened in the second round. There are many people around here who are picking Crouse to beat anyone at his weight within a short time. It's going to be hard finding men his size, as he is too heavy for a welter and not big enough for a middleweight. He is improving every day and looks to be a comer, taken from any angle at all.

The opening mill brought Kid Hogan and Kid Levine together. Levine took Kid Sullivan's place, who failed to appear. Hogan had the best of the six-round argument, but he had to show everything he possessed in the line of punches. Levine was game to the core and fought back well. Hogan had him going in the last period and would probably have put him away in another round or so. Tom Bodkin refereed the preliminaries.

The preliminaries were so good that the crowd settled back to await the start of what was promised to be the star event of the evening. While the heavyweights were getting ready a small army of boxers hopped into the ring and were presented to the audience. Tom Longboat, the Indian, and Percy Smallwood, who will meet in a 12-mile championship race at the Expo rink Thursday night, received a flattering reception when introduced. M. J. Connelly, better known as Buck Cornelius, who was the third man in the ring for the main bout, was given a royal welcome when he climbed through the rppes.

If the votes of the Pittsburg sports decide who shall referee the Jeffries-Johnson fight Buck has the job. He was applauded long and loud and the crowd wanted a speech, but Buck declined with a wave of the hand. Buck kept after the principals in the main bout. He wouldn't stand for stalling an dhe worked harder than either of the fighters. He showed his experience in separating the men and wasn't afraid to force them apart with a series of wild swings. His work pleased the crowd, too.

CUBANS MAKE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO GET INTO ORGANIZED BASEBALL.

Draw Line on Americans of Dark Hue.

By DAVID WYATT.

"Hank" O'Day went over to Cuba this fall for the purpose of umpiring games between star teams from the States and the Cuban ball tossers. It is a well-known fact that O'Day is one of the best umpires in the country and a regular sphinx on discipline of ball players; he is efficient and fearless and generally renders decisions as he sees them but within strict accord to the rules. It seems that O'Day lost just a little of his iron nerve and made a grandstand play—more likely for protection against any possible treachery on the part of the Cubans—when he joilied them into the belief that they could get into organized baseball in the States. The Cubans swallowed the bait and after assuming the true old affront they at once drew the color line. The supreme court of baseball did not say so much in words, but they did drop a modest little hint that, as far as baseball is concerned, there was not much to choose between when it comes to an issue of a lot of Spanish-American Negroes and the Afro-American Negroes. This bit of information as solicited on the part of the islanders could have been spared, as they are fully aware that the majority of their players are as black as the proverbial ace of spades and could not pass as anything in the human race other than Negroes.

The stiffness of these black islanders is the prize joke of the year. After practically being learned baseball by our boys, they now assume the American attitude and try to hand us a "bunch." Bud Fowler palyed ball in Cuba twenty-five years ago and Mr. Ed Lamar has been importing colored players and teams from the States since 1898. The Cubans have been close students and diligent copyers of our colored boys' style of play for years, and our lads have made regular winter trips, imparting valuable information to the Cubans, the same causing an exertion of much patience and quite a lot of fatigue in trying to show them the way; they now get all swelled up and turn upon their teachers. They have made use of some of our best and most talented players, and it is a well-known fact that before the advent of our boys upon the island they were a lot of mechanical players, pure and simple. Their skill as players has taken on quite an impetus in the last 12 years, which is about the life of the advent of our best talent. Bancroft of Cincinnati had been there years before, but we saw no evidence of his great baseball knowledge in the playing end of the game.

I rejoice over the fact that the Cubans have been set right, still they probably probably realized that they were in the same predicament that we are in right here in the States. In view of the fact that the Cubans have been busy sending out statements in reply to managers of white clubs, as the latter thought the line drawing was on them, which is more proof as to what people look upon them as being. The nerve and boldness of the Cubans is the limit, and all colored players and managers should take notice. Before they announced that they had drawn the color line, they made sure that their membership in the National Association of Colored Baseball Clubs in the States, thereby assuring them a nice financial harvest at the expense of our boys. This phase of the question should not be overlooked for various reasons, some of which are these: The Cuban Stars, who toured the States last year, would have been forced to go back real early only for our boys coming to their financial rescue; they landed in Chicago all down and out, their appearance indicating fare of the box car variety; they struck Chicago in the hottest part of the city league race, in which the Leland Giants were fighting for the lead. Their manager surrounded himself with all the influence in the city and after repeated appeals, the Lelands agreed to take a chance of being put out of the running in order to keep the Cubans' meal ticket up above par. The Lelands only had three pitchers and they had their hands full in the city league and were worked overtime in order to keep up to the pace that was being set by the other five clubs in the league. The management of the Lelands, as well as numerous friends and admirers, recognized the fact that our boys were taking a long chance of losing the great honor of winning the pennant in the first league that a colored team had been a member of—the same having a working agreement with organized baseball. Nevertheless they gave the weather-beaten Cubans a whirl and by so doing they were worked to the full limit of endurance. Several players were injured, thereby depriving the club of their services for the balance of the season. The whole series of three weeks or more was replete with accidents, which resulted in injuries to players. In order to protect their interests in the league they were forced to use material from inferior teams against the islanders.

The battles between these teams were waged with such a war-like aspect that it aroused the entire baseball public. Rivalry was at fever heat and hatred cropped out and reached such a state of development—not only on the part of the players but with spectators—that definite police protection to prevent outbreaks on the part of over-zealous admirers became the rule. Several attempts at riot were quelled by the police and it was soon seen that the sentiment of three fans out of every five was with the Cubans; newspapers as well as umpires were with them and they tried in every possible way to discredit the Lelands, but in spite of all these handicaps they held their own and proved conclusively that they wielded a master hand. Rube Foster was perhaps the only pitcher in the States who defeated the great Cuban wonder, Mendey. The loyalty and sentiment displayed before the islanders is probably what caused them to believe they were to high—socially speaking—to have our boys cavorting around their diamonds.

These same Cubans will embark for the States in March, landing, it is said, at New Orleans. They will make it to the Windy City about June, where they are scheduled for the whole month. A characteristic of them is to give you the glad hand, having a dirk concealed in the other. When this hand is extended, that is, when their fighting tricks should come into play, we should give them the shoulder and elbow 'em on. You know it's tough picking without our game; the people with whom they saw fit to cast their lot this fall will be busy playing out long league schedules and will not know the Cubans are on earth; these same league men around whose firesides the islanders have made an attempt to sit, have been placed under contract with a few clauses added which prohibits barnstorming trips, post-season games, etc. This latter move puts quite a crimp into the aspirations of the astute Cubans, but they are up and doing just the same, and after getting their tanks to going they have advertised for league clubs of the class, a variety to train upon the island this spring, agreeing to give said club $1,500 for twelve games and expenses for players of from $12 to $20. This wise move to get the ante-season money, also to slide into the good graces of the powers that be in baseball, has so far passed unnoticed. It will hardly be considered in a serious manner, as the big leagues have a superfluous amount of the coin of the realm. Training trips are for the physical benefit of the players, the financial end being of secondary consideration. If a team could be assured of physical fitness which would enable them to win a pennant, they would train at the North Pole, where there is not a dollar in sight.

The supposition that magnates or owners run the business of baseball clubs and leagues, in the main is quite true, but the players are the ambitious ones in drawing the color line; therefore I am no more in love with Cuban players than with the officials, as it was the players who refused and would not tolerate colored lads from the States on their team right in Chicago when they had such a list of cripples that a whole week was cancelled and the team about broken up. Mr. Lamar insisted and produced two star pitchers from our boys, whereupon the players wrote to Cuba, the officials in turn notifying the manager that he must not under any conditions use colored players from the States.

It is quite true that we are the under dog in baseball as far as the States go. We intend to remain peaceful and accept with thanks any favors shown. We are living in great hope of getting the proper accounting in baseball from our people who rule the game, but when it comes to a lot of ferocious Cubans trying to make a doormat of us it is time to get up and yell.

MITCHELL, IND.

Misses Thomas and Todd, of Orleans, attended quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday night....Rev. J. R. M. Long, P. E., held his second quarterly meeting Sunday night and preached an able sermon to a large congregation.... Mrs. Mayberry, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. Anna Knight....Mrs. Josephine Finley is on the sick list....Miss Alice Finley, of Bedford, was here to see her mother, who is sick....Mr. Harry Edmunds is one of the coming young men of the A. M. E. Church, and he proves himself quite proficient as superintendent of the Sunday school....Rev. Mason filled his pulpit Sunday, and was entertained at dinner by Mr. Henry Cooper and wife....Mrs. Ellen Rain is able to be out again, after a few days' illness. ....Rev. H. J. Thompson made a business trip to Bedford last week.

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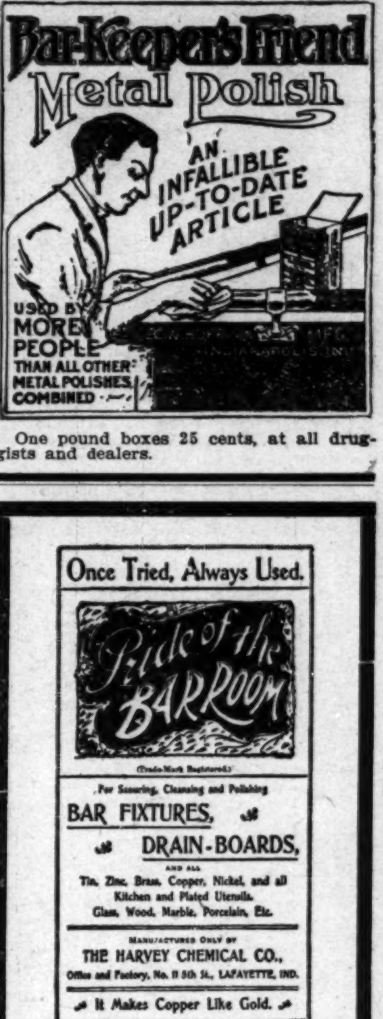

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

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Mr. G. H. Farson continues seriously ill at his home, 614 W Eleventh street.

The Magnolia Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Annie Duncan, 629 Ogden street.

Messrs. George and William Scott, of Athens, Ohio, have taken up permanent residence in this city.

Geo. Washington's Inauguration and a galaxy of Races will be given at Simpson Chapel, February 22.

Mrs. M. C. Wilson, San Antonio, Tex., who has been visiting in this city, has gone to Jacksonville, Ill., for a short stay.

Dr. S. A. Furniss is in New York City attending the meeting of the Executive Board of the National Business Men's League.

Prof. F. S. Delaney passed through the city Wednesday with the remains of his brother, Placido, for burial at Xenia, Ohio.

The ladies of Indianapolis will find real bargains in the sample sale of womens shoes which is on Saturday at the J. & K. shoe store.

Mr. Herbert Scott, who has been residing in Chicago and Columbus, O., returned home Tuesday. He reports that his brother Ben continues very ill.

If you are going to buy shoes you will profit by reading carefully the advertisement of the J. & K. shoe store, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

W. R. Wilson, D. D., the evangelist, of Cleveland, O., will preach at the Metropolitan Baptist Church next Sunday night, Senate avenue. Theme, "The Way to God."

Daniel Payne Jones, D. D., evangelist, lecturer, business manager of "The Baptist Opinion" and superintendent of the agency of McKinley Extension University, is in the city.

Evangelist W. R. Wilson, D. D., of Cleveland, O., will read a paper on "Apostolic Evangelism" next Monday morning before the Ministerial Conference at the Union Baptist Church, corner of St. Clair street and Senate avenue.

Such bargains are seldom offered as are quoted at the J. & K. shoe store for ladies only. The sale is on Saturday. Splendid bargains in ladies high-grade sample shoes that cost $4.50 going at $1.50 and $1.95 the pair. oG early and avoid the rush.

Mr. James T. Cromwell announces the marriage of his daughter, Amelia Marinda, to Mr. Ezra Clayton Roberts, January 26, at Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Mr. Roberts is professor of history at Tuskegee and was formerly an isntructor in the Indianapolis public schools.

Mr. William Lacey informs The Freeman that the June Bros., who purchased Haynes cafe in North Pennsylvania street, will retain colored waiters. Mr. Lacey will resign his position as head waiter to accept a position under Mayor Shank.

There are a lot of sample shoes to be disposed of at the J. & K. shoe store. This store is located at 30 North Pennsylvania street. In the stock will be found ladies shoes of all styles and designs. Shoes that sold for $3.50, $4.00 and $4.50, your choice for $1.50 and $1.95.

Mr. Charles Hall, of the Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., accompanied by his wife, were in the city Monday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown, in West Twelfth street. Mr. Hall returned to Washington Tuesday while Mrs. Hall will tour California.

Among the out-of-town relatives who attended the funeral of Clarence W. Baxter, who died January 28 and was buried Monday, February 1, were Mrs. Jennie Baxter, his mother, and Mrs. Anna Robinson, of Uniontown, Pa.; Mrs. Maude Brown, Greensburg, Pa., and Mrs. Martha Johns, New Castle, Pa.

Allens Chapel A. M. E. Church second quarterly meeting Sunday. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. by P. E. Hunter and at 3 p. m. by Rev J. S. Bailey, of Simpson Chapel M. E. Church, followed by communion. Sunday school at 1 p. m., A. C. E., 7 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. Geo. C. Sampson, pastor.

Mrs. Hannah Ophelia Douglass, the beloved mother of Mr. George L. Wolfson, died here Saturday, January 22. The body was shipped to the deceased's home, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Wolfson was a member of the famous Pekin Stock Co. of Chicago and an active member in the Afro-American Protective Association of this city.

The Witherspoon United Presybterian church choir wil give its regular monthly son service Sabbath evening at 8 o'clock. Come. The program rendered by the Y. P. C. U. on last Sabbath evening was a splendid success. "The Young Woman and the Church," a paper read by Miss Hilda Reeder, deserves special mention.

DR. SMYTH SURPRISED.

At the close of services last Friday evening about 30 members of the East End Needle Club surprised Dr. and Mrs. Smythe with two large baskets of groceries and fruit. Mrs. Ada Goins made a felicitous speech of presentation, to which Dr. Smythe replied in suitable terms.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Clarence W. Baxter and family and Rev. Geo. C. Sampson and family desire to thank the members of Allen Chapel and the many friends for their untiring watchfulness and kindness shown the dear wife, mother, daughter and sister, Georgetta Sampson Baxter, during her illness and death. May God ever bless them.—Mr. Clarence W. Baxter and Rev. Geo. C. Sampson.

FRANK DURESON ARRESTED.

Frank Duerson, proprietor of The Parker Hotel and well known in lodge circles, who is said to have embezzled money from the local Knights of Pythias two years ago, and who left the city after the grand jury had indicted him, was arrested Wednesday by Detective Kurtz. Dureson has been spending his time in Florida and did not return until a few days ago.

MINERS TAKE NOTICE.

It is with especial pleasure that The Freeman calls the attention of the colored miners in the city at present to the famous Puritan Bed Spring Co. This firm, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue, are putting forth to the trade one of the most unique propositions ever devised in the way of bed springs. They have perfected a bed spring that conforms to all parts of the body at the same time, thereby affording equal rest to all parts alike. After a hard day's work in the mines you will find that you feel like you have had two nights repose in one after a night's rest on one of these famous springs. Investigate before leaving town. The Freeman will be glad to give you any further information you may require. Call at our office and register. All delegates are welcome.

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Chicken Pot Pie, Egg Dumplings.
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Side Dishes and Radishes.
Combination Salad.
Creamed Mashed Potatoes.
Brown Sweet Potatoes.
Spaghette Italian.
Hot Biscuits.
Tea. Coffee.
Deserts.
Baked Apple Dumpling Cider Sauce.
Strawberry Cream with Chocolate Cake.
EXTRA DINNERS—40C.
Soup, Mulligatawney.
Roast Young Chicken, Oyster Dressing.
Roast Young Ducklings, Sage Dressing.
Half Spring Chicken Fried, with Cream or Brown Gravy.
Broiled Tenderloin Steak with Spanish Sauce.
Side Dishes and Relishes.
Cream Mashed Potatoes.
Brown Sweet Potatoes.
Spaghette Italian. Hot Biscuits.
Celery. Cranberry Sauce.
Tea. Coffee. Cocoa.
Deserts.
Baked Apple Dumpling, Cider Sauce.
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Sunday is second quarterly meeting. The Persiding Elder, Rev. J. H. Manley, will preach at 10:45 a. m. Rev. H. L. Herod will preach at 3:00 p. m., at which service the holy communion will be celebrated. All evangelical pastors and their congregations are invited to this service.

The pastor will preach at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Victory That Overcomes the World." Quarterly Love Feast Monday at 8 o'clock.

Sunday school at 12:45 and Christian Endeavor at 6:30.

The Ladies' Social Club will be entertained at the church Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Lizzie Duncan.

BETHEL CHURCH.

A large congregation was present at each service at Bethel last Sunday. At 10:30 a. m. Rev. M. A. Hunter preached to a large and appreciative audience, and at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Smythe preached to another large congregation from the subject, "Silence in Heaven for the space of Half an Hour." Three persons joined the church at the close of the sermon.

The second pleasant Sunday afternoon, held at 3:30 p. m., drew one of the largest congregations that has been in the church for a long time, and the program was rendered by a choir of 39 voices, assisted by some of the city's best artists, to the delight of all. Too much praise cannot be given to the pastor and choir for such a musical treat..

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COMPLAINT TO FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

State of Indiana, Marion County, ss:
In the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana.
No. 18494.
William Nettles vs. Hiram Bellew.
Complaint to foreclose real estate.

Be it known, that on the 30th day of October, 1909, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendant, Hiram Bellew, and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, Hiram Bellew, is not a resident of the State of Indiana, and above action is for foreclosure of certain mortgage on certain real estate situated in Marion County, Indiana, as described in complaint, and said defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 15th day of March, 1910.

Now, therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 15th day of March, 1910, the same being the 8th judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in March, 1910, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.

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